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Oath Keepers leader arrested and charged in attack on U.S. Capitol. **NEWS, PAGE 4**

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Justices block shot mandate

Conservative majority says president overstepped his authority; Biden orders more COVID-19 test kits, N95s to be shipped free

By Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's efforts to combat the coronavirus pandemic amid a spike in coronavirus cases caused by the omicron variant hit a judicial roadblock Thursday, even as he sought to marshal the government's executive branch to deploy more resources in the fight.

Countering a major push by Biden to boost the nation's vacci-

nation rate, the Supreme Court's conservative majority concluded the administration overstepped its authority by seeking to impose the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's requirement that employees of U.S. businesses with at least 100 workers get a vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job.

More than 80 million people would have been affected and OSHA had estimated that the rule would save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations

over six months.

At the same time, the court is allowing the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers in the country.

Earlier Thursday, Biden announced that the government would double to 1 billion the rapid, at-home COVID-19 tests to be distributed free to Americans, along with the most protective N95 masks, as he highlighted his

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Protesters assail the Biden administration's vaccine mandates last week in San Francisco. **JIM WILSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Cash payments will go to thousands of student loan borrowers in Connecticut and elsewhere for debt relief after nearly \$2 billion settlement with servicer



State Attorney General William Tong and Consumer Protection Commissioner Michelle Seagull announce a nearly \$2 billion settlement with student loan servicer Navient on Thursday. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

For some, a reset button

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

A nearly \$2 billion settlement with student loan company Navient will bring cash payments to thousands of borrowers from Connecticut and across the country, Attorney General William Tong said Thursday.

In Connecticut, 1,339 student borrowers will receive \$19 million in direct private loan debt relief. Additionally, 4,875 student borrowers will receive nearly \$1.3 million in restitution. Under the settlement negotiated by Tong and 38 other attorneys general, Connecticut will also receive \$141,240 to be deposited into the general fund.

"Navient steered borrowers to costly payment plans, and away from reasonable and affordable options and The settlement with student loan company Navient calls for payments of about \$260 per person to be distributed to 350,000 federal loan borrowers who were placed in certain types of long-term forbearances.

More coverage on News, Page 8 programs. Their predatory loans left thousands of Connecticut families saddled with unaffordable debt. This settlement will send millions of dollars directly to thousands of Connecticut borrowers who were deceived by Navient's abusive practices," Tong said.

The coalition of attorneys general claimed that since 2009, Navient steered student loan borrowers away from affordable income-driven repayment plans and into risky loan forbearances, which further buried struggling borrowers under long-term debt accrual.

Navient will also be forced to divest from the federally guaranteed student loan business under the agreement, which still requires court approval.

In a news release, Navient denied violating any laws or causing any "borrower harm."

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HARTFORD

3 students in hospital in possible overdose

Mayor: Teen in 'grave condition' after likely ingesting fentanyl

By Christine Dempsey and Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

A seventh grader at a Hartford school is in "grave condition" after ingesting a substance believed to be fentanyl and collapsing during gym class Thursday morning, Mayor Luke Bronin said.

Two other seventh graders were believed to be exposed to the drug and were also transported to the hospital, officials said.

"All of our hearts and prayers are with the child who remains hospitalized in grave condition, and with his loved ones," Mayor Luke Bronin said.

"This is one more lesson that fentanyl is a poison. These drugs are a poison. And please, if you're a parent, have that tough conversation with your child tonight," Bronin added.

The overdose happened about 10:30 a.m. at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, officials said. The boy collapsed in gym class and was unresponsive.

A school nurse initiated CPR until fire department personnel arrived and took over, District Fire Chief Mario Oquendo Jr. said. Firefighters were relieved by medics, after which "rhythm returned for that student and CPR was stopped," he said.

When staff learned that the boy had ingested drugs, staff sought out and found the other two boys who had been with him earlier, officials said.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

State reports 161 deaths in past week, but hospitalizations fall

"If you look at it like we're riding a roller coaster, we're maybe nearing the top at this point, for at least this curve."

Dr. Ulysses Wu, of Hartford HealthCare By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Connecticut recorded 161 additional COVID-19 deaths on Thursday, the largest weekly increase in COVID-19 deaths in Connecticut since last February.

This came as the daily COVID-19 test positivity rate dropped to its lowest point since December on Thursday, while the state recorded its first single-day decline in hospitalizations since mid-December.

Medical experts in the state have said they expect COVID-19 cases to peak in the coming weeks — or even as early as this weekend, with hospitalizations soon to follow. This week, while Connecticut continued to record high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the rate of increase started to slow, before declining on Thursday.

"We are hopefully near the peak right now," Hartford HealthCare chief clinical officer Dr. Ajay Kumar said. "We continue to have a fair amount of capacity across the state."

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, has predicted that Connecticut's COVID-19 cases will peak on Saturday and hospitalizations about a week later.

"If you look at it like we're riding a roller coaster, we're maybe nearing the top at this point, for at least this curve," he said Thursday. Cases and positivity rate: Connecticut on Thursday reported 9,604 new COVID-19 cases out of 47,380 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 20.27%. The state's sevenday positivity rate now stands at 22.96%, a decrease from earlier this week. Of the state's 169 municipalities, 168 continue to record at least 15 daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents, according to numbers released Thursday.

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Lawmakers, police seek solutions to traffic deaths

Top legislators on Thursday pledged to work with the state police commissioner during the upcoming legislative session to make state highways safer. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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"The company's decision to resolve these matters, which were based on unfounded claims, allows us to avoid the additional burden, expense, time and distraction to prevail in court," said Navient's Chief Legal Officer Mark Heleen. "Navient is and has been continually focused on helping student loan borrowers understand and select the right payment options to fit their needs. In fact, we've driven up income-driven repayment plan enrollment and driven down default rates, and every year, hundreds of thousands of borrowers we support successfully pay off their student loans.

Navient will cancel loan balances of approximately 66,000 borrowers in the U.S. with certain qualifying private education loans that were originated largely between 2002 and 2010 and later defaulted and charged off. Navient will notify the affected borrowers and co-borrowers shortly after the agreements receive final court approvals.

The settlement resolves allegations of widespread unfair and deceptive student loan servicing practices, and abuses in originating predatory student loans.

Borrowers do not have to take any action in order to receive the relief payments, so long as they have an updated account with studentaid.gov. Those who may be eligible can visit navientagsettlement.com for more details.

The states alleged that Navient pushed subprime private loan schemes, similar to the subprime mortgages which contributed to the 2008 financial crisis, on students they knew would likely be unable to repay

Navient mostly aimed these programs at students attending for-profit schools or other colleges with similarly low graduation rates, the states claimed.



Attorney General William Tong and Consumer Protection Commissioner Michelle Seagull announce a settlement with Navient, which will cancel loan balances of approximately 66,000 borrowers in the U.S. with certain qualifying private education loans that were originated largely between 2002 and 2010 and later defaulted and charged off. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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Attorney General William Tong

"A lot of people borrowed money to get into these programs, but were not able to find gainful employment afterwards," Tong said at a press conference in Hartford Thursday.

Navient will cancel \$1.7 billion in remaining subprime private student loan balances under the agreement.

"Those of us who still owe student loan debt know that, for lack of a better description, there's an arms race in higher education," Tong said. "It just seems that higher education in all of its forms is ever more expensive, and the burdens placed on students and borrowers is ever more significant."

"It's hard to think of financial products and commitments and obligations that are more important to people in Connecticut than things like student loans," Tong said. "It's a very basic commitment that all of us make, and increasingly that commitment gets bigger and bigger and bigger."

Tong's office and the Department of Consumer Protection pursued the settlement under the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, the state's general purpose consumer protection statute. In addition to the injunc-

tive action requiring Navient to divest from its federally guaranteed loan program, the agreement requires the company to inform borrowers of the benefits of incomedriven repayment plans.

Navient must also train specialists who can consult with borrowers regarding other repayment plans.

Under the agreement, the company is also prohibited from incentivizing customer service agents to minimize their time advising borrow-

Tong advised future borrowers to do their research before entering into loan programs. "There are a number of other different options and programs that are out there," he said.

One such alternative includes the recently revamped Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, which was recently expanded under the Biden administration to offer forgiveness to more public service employ-

Tong said his office, as well as the state legislature, is continuing to pursue companies which engage in predatory lending.

He added he hopes the

injunctive relief "resets the table" and serves as a warning to other lenders.

"The problem was, Navient wasn't telling people what all of their options were," Tong said. "Hopefully that will change with other servicers."

Connecticut's role in the investigation dates to 2013, Tong said, under the direction of former Attorney General George Jepsen.

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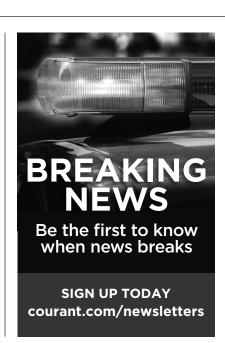
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Sexual Abuse and General Claims in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut Bankruptcy

The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, a/k/a the Roman Catholic Diocese of Norwich ("Diocese" or "Debtor") has filed bankruptcy in order to restructure its nonprofit organization. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, In re The Norwich Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation (Bankr. D. Conn.). This notice is a short summary

Who Should File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Anyone who was sexually abused, on or before July 15, 2021, and believes the Diocese may be responsible for the sexual abuse must file a claim. This includes sexual abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese. Sexual Abuse Claims include but are not limited to: sexual misconduct, touching, inappropriate contact, or sexual comments about a person or other behaviors that led to abuse, and regardless of whether you thought the behavior was sexual abuse or not.

When Should I File a Sexual Abuse Claim?

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022.

If you do not file a timely Sexual Abuse Claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese and against Diocese Related Entities, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. For a list of names of clergy that have been identified in connection with sexual abuse claims, go to https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Accused-Clergy. For more information on the bankruptcy case, go to https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn or call 1-855-654-0902.

The Sexual Abuse Bar Date of March 15, 2022 is not subject to further extension, even if there is a change in the applicable statute of limitations. You should consider submitting a proof of claim even if you believe your claim may be subject to an affirmative defense such as a statute of limitations.

When Should I File a General Bar Date Claim?

If you have a non-sexual abuse claim, you will need to file so that it is received by 5 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on March 15, 2022. More information is available at https://dm.epiq11.com/case/rcdn.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

School closings not open-and-shut

Dems on edge over virus issue dividing parents, teachers

By Nicholas Riccardi and Collin Binkley Associated Press

When Chicago teachers went on strike last week to protest COVID-19 safety protections in the nation's third-largest school district. Democratic Party officials quickly responded.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker pushed for a quick end to the job action and helped secure rapid tests to entice teachers back to work. Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the strikers "abandoned their posts" in "an illegal walkout." White House press secretary Jen Psaki stressed that students should be in school.

The standoff ended with a tentative agreement late Monday and students returning to classrooms Wednesday.

Nearly two years into a pandemic that shows no signs of waning, Democrats are speaking out more forcefully against COVID-19 school closures, recognizing a rising anger among parents worried that their kids are falling behind. But in doing so, Democrats risk angering some teachers unions, which are advocating for more protections for educators as the omicron variant takes hold and whose support helped get Democrats elected.

The political peril for Democrats became clear after their candidate lost the Virginia governor's race in November to a Republican who focused on education and slammed the prior year's school closures.

Now, in what already promises to be a tough midterm election year, with frustrations mounting among their base over stalled voting and spending legislation, they may face real trouble over an issue that directly affects Americans' lives.

"When you tell a parent that their kid can't be in school — a lot of times politics doesn't touch people's lives, but that's a massive impact on parents' lives that pisses them off," said Brian Stryker, a Democratic pollster based in Chicago. "The Chicago strike may be the moment when Democrats said: 'Enough. We're done with all these.'"

That's left some teachers feeling left out in the cold.

John Coneglio, head of the Columbus, Ohio, Education Association, said omicron has sickened so many teachers that students aren't learning in overcrowded classrooms. The union has called for two weeks of remote learn-

Still, none of the Democratic-voting city's leaders has backed the union.

"I think their silence speaks," Coneglio said.

At the same time, Democrats are cognizant of the concerns of parents such as Megan Bacigalupi, who quit her job at a San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit last year to help her two children deal with the hassles of remote learning. She's since founded a group, CA Parent Power, to push to keep schools open.

"Overwhelmingly, Democratic parents are quite willing to vote for an independent or a Republican in November," said Bacigalupi, who just changed her registration from Democrat to unaffiliated and said she's

never voted Republican in her life. "Two years in, it doesn't feel like we are in a place where our worldview won't be shaped by COVID

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said the recent story of schools and COVID-19 is a triumph. She contrasted last winter, when as many as 45% of the nation's schools were closed during a surge, to now, when vaccinations are widespread and 98% of schools are open despite even higher COVID-19

"That shows remarkable strength and courage and fortitude on behalf of teachers and paraprofessionals," Weingarten said. "Omicron is the enemy, not each other."

caseloads.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that schools can remain safe when proper protocols are followed, including observing safe distancing, wearing masks and getting vaccinated.

The White House announced Wednesday that it would be sending more COVID-19 tests to schools in an effort to keep them open during the omicron

Schools should be the first places to open and the last places to close," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said during a Senate hearing Tuesday.

The vast majority of schools are still in-person, and most switches to remote learning are happening on a case-bycase basis as the virus sickens too many teachers.

The few switches to remote learning that have happened, in places such as Prince George's County in Maryland, are only supposed to last a couple of weeks, at the peak of the omicron variant spread.

But parent activists don't trust the districts to return promptly.

"The idea that these numbers are going to drop precipitously in the next two to four weeks, I think, is a dubious prospect," said Shavar Jeffries, president of Democrats for Education Reform, which supports charter schools and has opposed the return to virtual learning. "I think this is a very slippery slope."

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efforts to "surge" resources to help the country weather the spike in coronavirus infections.

Biden also announced that starting next week 1,000 military medical personnel will begin deploying across the country to help overwhelmed medical facilities ease staff shortages due to the highly transmissible omicron variant.

Speaking at the White House, he said six additional military medical teams will be deployed to Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio and Rhode Island.

Biden said that he is directing his team to double its procurement of rapid COVID-19 tests to be delivered for free to Americans through a forthcoming federal website, as he seeks to respond to criticism over shortages and long lines for

The initial batch of test kits will be available starting next week, Biden said, when the administration launches a website where Americans can request the free tests. The rest of the tests will be delivered over the coming

Biden also announced that for the first time his administration was planning to make "high-quality" N95 masks, which are most effective at preventing transmission of the virus, available for free. He said his administration would announce details next week.

The federal government has a stockpile of more than 750 million N95 masks, the White House said this week. And though research has shown those masks to be better protection, they are often more uncomfortable, and health officials are not altering their guidance to recommend against less-protective cloth masks.

In the Supreme Court's unsigned 6-3 opinion against the administration's vaccine mandate, the conservative majority wrote "OSHA has never before imposed such a mandate. Nor has Congress. Indeed, although Congress has enacted significant legislation addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, it has declined to enact any measure similar to what OSHA has promulgated here."

In dissent, the court's three liberal justices argued that it was the court that was overreaching by substituting its judgment for that of health experts.

"Acting outside of its competence and without legal basis, the Court displaces the judgments of the Government officials given the responsibility to respond to workplace health emergencies," Justices Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomavor wrote in a joint dissent.

The vaccine mandate that the court will allow to be enforced nationwide scraped by on a 5-4 vote, with Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh joining the liber-

als to form a majority. The mandate covers virtually all health care workers in the country, applying to providers that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid funding. It affects 10.4 million workers at 76,000 health care facilities as well as home health care providers.

The rule has medical and religious exemptions.

Biden said that the decision by the court "will save lives."

In an unsigned opinion, the court wrote: "The challenges posed by a global pandemic do not allow a federal agency to exercise power that Congress has not conferred upon it. At the same time, such unprecedented circumstances provide no grounds for limiting the exercise of authorities the agency has long been recognized to have."

It said the "latter principle governs" in the health care arena.

When crafting the OSHA rule, White House officials always anticipated legal challenges — and privately some harbored doubts that it could withstand them.

The administration nonetheless still views the rule as a success at already driving millions of people to get vaccinated and encouraging private businesses to implement their own require-



Buses are lined up to leave outside the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy in Hartford on Thursday, where students reportedly suffered drug overdoses. JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Students

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Officials said the other two students, who never lost consciousness, were together in a classroom in a different part of the school at the time the boy collapsed.

The other two boys, who are between the ages of 12 and 13, are also in seventh grade, said Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez, superintendent of Hartford Schools.

All three students were taken to Connecticut Chil-

"I want to extend my heart to the seventh grader, his entire family, the other two students that were involved, and to the entire school community at Sport and Medical Sciences Academy," Torres-Rodriguez said. "This has been, and continues to be, a really hard day for all of us."



Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody listens during a news conference outside the school on Thursday.

Hartford schools' crisis team was deployed earlier to provide counseling and other resources to students, she said.

The overdose triggered a "Code Yellow" alert, which means students and staff had to stay put while the boys were put into ambu-

The alert remained in place at 2 p.m. as officers with drug-sniffing dogs continued to check the building. The school did not distribute lunches so as to not risk further exposure, Torres-Rodriguez said.

During a search of the school grounds, bags containing fentanyl were found in at least two classrooms as well as the gym, police said.

Officials believe the bags of fentanyl were brought into the school by a student, Bronin said.

Police did not say what form the substance was in. Drugs such as cocaine are sometimes cut with fentanyl because it is extremely potent.

Dismissal was initially planned for the usual time, 2:20 p.m., Fergus said, but buses of students didn't begin to leave the school until around 3:30 p.m.

All students had to walk through a solution of bleach and OxyClean before leaving the school, in order to neutralize potential fentanyl exposure, police said.

Police spokesperson Lt. Aaron Boisvert told WTNH Channel 8 that the other two students apparently reported being dizzy, but officials have not commented on the extent of the exposure experienced by the other two students.

It was not immediately clear whether the other two students also ingested the drug, or whether exposure was intentional, officials said.

It was unclear where in the school the boy ingested the substance, said Jason Thody, Hartford police chief.

Torres-Rodriguez said Hartford schools are not currently equipped with Narcan, the brand name for naloxone, which is used in emergencies to treat narcotics overdoses.

"As with every crisis incident, we will have debriefs not just internally, but also with our partners. In collaboration, we will determine what else we would need to consider," Torres-Rodriguez said. "This is something that we have to consider moving forward, and at the direction of our partners for us to determine to what extent the training and support is necessary."

Responders from the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and police searched the school again Thursday evening.

The academy, located at 280 Huyshope Ave., is a college preparatory magnet school for students in grades six through 12 who are interested in sports and medical sciences.

Virus

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Connecticut has now averaged 9,308 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, a slight increase from Wednesday but an overall decline from earlier in the week. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

All eight Connecticut counties — along with nearly the entire rest of the country - are recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Hospitalizations: Connecticut had 1,917 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 on Thursday, a decrease of 22 patients since Wednesday. Hospital officials say some of those patients were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival but that the majority have significant

COVID-19 symptoms. The decrease in hospitalizations across the state Thursday brought Connecticut slightly further away from reaching its record of 1,972 hospitalizations, set on April 22, 2020.

According to the state, 67.2% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

Deaths: Connecticut reported 161 additional COVID-19 deaths on Thursday, bringing its total during the pandemic to 9,442.

The United States has now recorded 845,707 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations: As of Wednesday, 90.5% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. while 75.5% of all residents and 84.1% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 46.7% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

As of Wednesday, of the 2.540.829 Connecticut residents who are fully

vaccinated, 4.53% have contracted COVID-19, according to state data. Of that group, 355 fully vaccinated people have died of the virus, the vast majority (70%) of whom were residents at least 75 years old or older.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of firstdose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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WORLD NATION

Sinema opposes filibuster changes

Refusal is a setback to Biden's hopes on election legislation

By Brian Slodysko and Alexandra Jaffe Associated Press

WASHINGTON - All but acknowledging defeat, President Joe Biden said Thursday he's "not sure" his elections and voting rights legislation can pass Congress this year. He spoke at the Capitol after a key fellow Democrat, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, announced her refusal to go along with changing Senate rules to muscle past a Republican filibuster blockade.

Biden had traveled to the Capitol to prod Democratic senators in a closed-door meeting, but he was not optimistic when he emerged. He vowed to keep fighting but was talking about next year for the sweeping legislation that advocates say is vital to protecting elections.

"One thing for certain, like every other major civil rights bill that came along, if we miss the first time, we could come back and try the second time," he told reporters, his voice rising. "As long as I'm in the White House, as long as I'm engaged at all, I'm going to be fighting."

Sinema said in a speech on the Senate floor that the answer to divisiveness in the Senate is not to change filibuster rules so one party, even hers, can pass controversial bills. "We must address the disease itself, the disease of division, to protect our democracy," she

The moment again leaves Biden empty-handed after a high-profile visit to



President Biden focuses on the future of voting rights Thursday after meeting with Senate Democrats. JOSE LUIS AGANA/AP

Congress. Earlier forays did little to advance his other big priority, the Build Back Better Act of social and climate change initiatives. Instead, Biden returns to the White House with his second-year agenda languishing in Congress.

Biden spoke for more than an hour in private with restive Democrats in the Senate, including Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who also opposes changing Senate rules.

Since taking control of Congress and the White House last year, Democrats have vowed to counteract a wave of new state laws, inspired by former President Donald Trump's false claims

of a stolen election, that have made it harder to vote. But their efforts have stalled in the narrowly divided Senate, where they lack the 60 votes out of 100 to overcome a Republican filibuster.

For weeks, Sinema and Manchin have come under intense pressure to support a rule change that would allow the party to pass their legislation with a simple majority — a step both have long opposed.

By taking to the Senate floor shortly before Biden's arrival, Sinema made clear she would not go along, further damaging the party's already slim chances to pass one of its top priorities.

Though Trump and other

Republicans also pressed for filibuster changes when he was president, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called Sinema's speech an important act of "political courage" that could "save the Senate as an institution."

On Tuesday, Biden gave a fiery speech in Atlanta, likening opponents of the legislation to racist historical figures and telling lawmakers they will be "judged by history."

Democrats will use existing Senate rules in an effort to bypass the Republican filibuster that has prevented them from debating the bill on the chamber's floor.

But the new approach

also does little to resolve the central problem Democrats face: They lack Republican support to pass the elections legislation on a bipartisan basis, but also don't have support from all 50 Democrats for changing the Senate rules to allow passage on their own.

Republicans are nearly unanimous in opposing the legislation, viewing it as federal overreach that would infringe on states' abilities to conduct their own elections. And they've pointed out that Democrats opposed changes to the filibuster that Trump sought when he was president.

The Democratic package would create national election standards that would trump the state-level GOP laws. It would also restore the ability of the Justice Department to police election laws in states with a history of discrimination.

For Democrats and Biden, the legislation is a political imperative.

Failure to pass it would break a major campaign promise to Black voters, who helped hand Democrats control of the White House and Congress, and would come just before midterm elections when slim Democratic majorities will be on the line. It would also be the second major setback for Biden's agenda in a month, after Manchin halted work on the president's \$2 trillion package of social and environmental initiatives shortly before Christmas.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., had set the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Jan. 17, as a deadline to pass the voting legislation or consider revising the filibuster rules. That could still happen.

But under their new strategy, which uses a procedural shortcut, they will be able to hold a debate on the bill without being blocked by a filibuster, which Republicans have deployed four times in recent months to stop debate.

The mechanics work like this: The House amended an unrelated bill that was already approved both chambers of Congress, combining Democrats two separate voting bills into one. After the House passed that bill Thursday, the Senate can debate the measure with a simple majority, bypassing a filibuster. But Senate Republicans can still block them from holding a final vote.

Leader of Oath Keepers arrested over Jan. 6 riot

Among group of 11 to be charged with seditious conspiracy

By Michael Balsamo, **Colleen Long and Alanna Durkin Richer** Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Stewart Rhodes, founder and leader of the far-right Oath Keepers militia group, has been arrested and charged with seditious conspiracy in the attack on the U.S. Capitol, authorities said Thurs-

Ten other people also were charged with seditious conspiracy in connection with the attack on Jan. 6, 2021, when authorities said members of the extremist group came to Washington intent on stopping the certification of President Joe Biden's victory.

These are the first charges of seditious conspiracy the Justice Department has brought in connection with the attack led by supporters of former President Donald

Rhodes, 56, of Granbury, Texas, and Edward Vallejo, 63, of Phoenix, Arizona, were arrested Thursday. The others who were charged were already facing criminal charges related to the attack. Rhodes is the highest-ranking member of an extremist group to be

arrested in the deadly siege.

The arrests are a serious escalation of accusations against thousands of rioters who stormed the Capitol. And the charges answer in part a group of Republicans who have publicly questioned the seriousness of the Jan. 6 insurrection, arguing that since no one had been charged yet with sedition or treason, it could not have been so violent.

Rhodes did not enter the Capitol building on Jan. 6 but is accused of helping put into motion the violence that disrupted the certification of

the vote. The Oath Keepers case is the largest conspiracy case federal authorities have brought so far over Jan. 6, when rioters stormed past police barriers and smashed windows, injuring dozens of officers and sending lawmakers running.

The indictment against Rhodes alleges Oath Keepers formed two teams, or "stacks," that entered the Capitol. The first "stack" split up inside the building to separately go after the House and Senate. The second "stack" confronted officers inside the Capitol Rotunda, the indictment said. Outside Washington, the indictment alleges, the Oath Keepers had stationed two "quick reaction forces" that had guns "in support of their plot to stop the lawful transfer of power."

Jonathan Moseley, an attorney representing Rhodes, said his client was arrested Thursday in Texas.

Moseley said Rhodes was supposed to testify before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection in a deposition but it got called off.

Rhodes has said in interviews with right-wing hosts that there was no plan to storm the Capitol and that the members who did so went rogue. But he has continued to push the lie that the 2020 election was stolen, while posts on the Oath Keepers website have depicted the group as a victim of political perse-

Authorities have said the Oath Keepers and their associates prepared in the weeks leading up to Jan. 6 as if they were going to war, discussing weapons and training.

On Jan. 6, several members, wearing camouflaged combat attire, were seen on camera shouldering their way through the crowd and into the Capitol in a military-style stack



Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes faces a charge of seditious conspiracy in connection with the riot last January at the U.S. Capitol. JARED RAMSDELL/JOURNAL INQUIRER 2013

formation, authorities say. Oath Keeper defendants have argued in court that

the only plan was to provide security at the rally before the riot or protect themselves against possible attacks from far-left antifa activists.

Rhodes, a former Army paratrooper and Yale Law School graduate who founded the Oath Keepers in 2009, has appeared in court documents in the conspiracy case for weeks as "Person

Authorities say Rhodes held a GoToMeeting call days after the election, telling his followers to go to Washington and let Trump know "that the people are behind him." Rhodes told members that some Oath Keepers should "stay on the outside" and be "prepared to go in armed" if necessary.

'We're going to defend the president, the duly elected president, and we call on him to do what needs to be done to save our country. Because if you don't guys, you're going to be in a bloody, bloody civil war, and a bloody — you can call it an insurrection or you can call it a war or fight," Rhodes said, according to court documents.

Authorities have said Rhodes was part of an encrypted Signal chat with Oath Keepers from multiple states leading up to Jan. 6 called "DC OP: Jan 6 21" and it showed the group was "activating a plan to use

force" that day.

The Oath Keepers and members of other extremist groups, such as the Proud Boys, make up part of the more than 580 people who have been charged in the

Queen strips Prince Andrew of military roles, patronages



Prince Andrew is accused of having sex with a girl when she was 17. JOHN STILLWELL/ **POOL VIA GETTY 2012**

Associated Press

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth II has stripped Prince Andrew of all his honorary military titles and royal roles in charities and other civic groups, Buckingham Palace said Thursday, amid a growing furor over allegations he sexually abused a teenage girl supplied to him by financier Jeffrey Epstein.

More than 150 British navy and army veterans had written to the queen asking her to strip her second son

of all his military ranks and titles after a U.S. judge said Wednesday a sex assault lawsuit against the prince could go ahead.

In a joint letter issued by the group Republic, they said they were "upset and angry" that Andrew "brought the services he is associated with into disre-

The palace said in a brief statement that "with the queen's approval and agreement, the Duke of York's military affiliations and

royal patronages have been returned to the queen."

Patronages refer to roles in charities, military and civic groups that the royals support.

The queen is head of the armed forces and honorary military appointments are given by her.

Andrew stepped back from public duties in 2019, after a BBC interview about his friendship with Epstein drew widespread criticism. But he had retained his honorary titles, including Vice Admiral of the Royal

Navy. A U.S. district judge on Wednesday refused to dismiss a civil case against Andrew by an American woman, Virginia Giuffre.

Giuffre sued the 61-yearold Andrew in August, saying she was coerced into sexual encounters with him in 2001, when she was 17, by Epstein and his longtime companion, Ghislaine Maxwell. Giuffre said she was sexually abused by Andrew at Maxwell's London home, at Epstein's New York mansion and his estate in the U.S. Virgin

District Judge Lewis Kaplan rejected an argument by Andrew's lawyers that Giuffre's lawsuit should be thrown out at an early stage because of an old legal settlement she had with Epstein, who she claims set up sexual encounters with the prince.

Palace officials have declined to comment on the "ongoing legal matter."

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NEWS BRIEFING

RNC issues threat to boycott commission's presidential debates

From news services

WASHINGTON The Republican National Committee said Thursday that it is planning a rules change that would force presidential candidates seeking the party's nomination to sign a pledge saying they will not participate in any debates sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates.

The threat is a culmination of years of tension between the RNC and the nonprofit that was exacerbated by former President Donald Trump, who repeatedly accused the commission of unfair treatment. Trump ultimately refused to participate in the second 2020 debate because he objected to it being held virtually because of the pandemic.

In a letter to the commission, RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel voiced frustration with the CPD's response to a long list of complaints, including concerns about its selection of moderators, a desire for a debate before early voting starts and a push for changes to the commission's board.

"The RNC has shared our concerns with the CPD in good faith, carefully documenting why the party and its voters have lost faith in your organization, and we have proposed commonsense reforms that would restore trust in the debates process," she wrote.

"Accordingly," she also wrote, "the RNC will initiate the process of amending the Rules of the Republican Party at our upcoming Winter Meeting to prohibit future Republican nominees from participating in CPD-sponsored debates." The meeting will take place next month.

The commission said in a statement that it deals with candidates who qualify for

"The CPD's plans for 2024 will be based on fairness, neutrality and a firm commitment to help the American public learn about the candidates and the issues," it said.

It remains unclear what would take the debates' place if the Republican candidate were to boycott.

RFK killer's parole denied: California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday rejected releasing Robert F. Kennedy assassin Sirhan Sirhan from prison.

Newsom rejected a recommendation from a two-person panel of parole commissioners.

Kennedy, the U.S. senator from New York, was shot in 1968 just moments after he claimed victory in California's pivotal Democratic presidential primary. Five others were wounded during the assassination at a Los Angeles hotel.

Hot year: Earth simmered to the sixth-hottest year on record in 2021, according to several newly released temperature measurements.

NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and a private measuring group released their calculations for last year's global temperature Thursday.

Six different calculations found 2021 was between the fifth and seventh hottest year since the late 1800s. NASA said 2021 tied with 2018 for sixth-warmest, while NOAA puts last year alone in sixth

Scientists say a La Nina natural cooling of parts of the central Pacific that changes weather patterns globally and brings chilly deep ocean water to the surface — dampened global temperatures just as its flip side, El Nino,



Emotional moment: People hug Thursday at a makeshift memorial for 17 people, including eight children, killed this week in a fire sparked by a faulty space heater at an apartment building in the Bronx borough of New York. A communal funeral has been scheduled Sunday at a Bronx mosque. Fifteen of the victims had ties to the tiny West African nation of Gambia. SETH WENIG/AP

Russia floats deployment:

Russia raised the stakes Thursday in its dispute with the West over Ukraine and NATO's expansion when a top diplomat refused to rule out a military deployment to Cuba and Venezuela if tensions with the United States escalate.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said he could "neither confirm nor exclude" the possibility of Russia sending military assets to Latin America if the U.S. and its allies don't curtail their military activities on Russia's doorstep.

"It all depends on the action by our U.S. counterparts," the minister said in an interview with Russian television network RTVI, citing Russian President Vladimir Putin's warning that Moscow could take unspecified "military-technical measures" if the U.S. and its allies fail to heed its demands.

U.S. national secu-

dismissed the statements about a possible Russian deployment as "bluster in the public commentary."

Ivermectin lawsuit: Four inmates at a northwest Arkansas jail sued the facility and its doctor Thursday after they said they were unknowingly prescribed ivermectin to treat COVID-19.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Arkansas filed the lawsuit in federal court on behalf of the detainees against the Washington County jail, Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder and Dr. Robert Karas. Helder in August revealed that ivermectin had been prescribed to inmates to treat their COVID-19.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved ivermectin for use by people and animals for some parasitic worms, head lice and skin conditions. The FDA has not approved its use in treating or preventing COVID-19 in humans.

The inmates said they were never told ivermectin was among the medications they had been given to treat their COVID-19, and instead were told they were being given vitamins, antibiotics

or steroids. The inmates suffered side effects from taking the drug including vision issues, diarrhea and stomach cramps, according to the lawsuit.

Shipwreck anniversary: Fog horns wailed and church bells tolled Thursday as Italy honored the 32 victims of the Costa Concordia shipwreck on the 10th anniversary of the disaster, with a commemoration that recalled the moment the cruise ship struck a reef and capsized off the Tuscan

island of Giglio. Some of the 4,200 survivors attended the events, which began with a noontime Mass and ended with a candlelit procession to Giglio's dock at 9:45 p.m. local time — the moment the

Concordia hit the rocks that sliced a 230-foot gash in its

The ship's captain, Francesco Schettino, is serving a 16-year prison sentence for manslaughter and other charges for having ordered the crew to steer the ship off course as part of a stunt.

Rapper investigated: Police are investigating after a battery report was filed Thursday against Ye, the rapper formerly known as Kanye West.

The incident that spurred the complaint took place in downtown Los Angeles at about 3 a.m. Thursday, LAPD spokeswoman Redina Puentes said.

No arrests have been made.

An email seeking comment from a representative for Ye, the 44-year-old rapper, producer and fashion designer who legally changed his name last year, was not immediately



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Illegal mining rampant in Amazon

Police seize modified aircraft used to take people, gear to sites

By Sam Cowie and David Biller Associated Press

BOA VISTA, Brazil — The scorching Amazon sun beats down as agents inspect the body of a black helicopter.

Nearby, in the backyard of the federal police headquarters in the city of Boa Vista, sit more than 20 aircraft all seized.

Some bear signs of crashes: caved-in cockpits with wings broken off. Others feature stripped-out interiors so they can be loaded with more people, plus additional motors, fuel, food and other cargo.

Here in Roraima state, where all gold mining is illegal, the planes are essential for transporting prospectors and equipment to far-flung Indigenous reserves, including Brazil's largest: Yanomami. Environmental and Indigenous rights groups estimate some 20,000 illegal miners are present on the reserve that is roughly the same size as Portugal. Government officials put the number closer to 3,500.

"Our focus over this last year has been to go after the logistics of illegal mining," the police superintendent for the state, Jose Roberto Peres, said. "These are expensive machines; we can deduce that there is a lot of money involved."

Police have intensified their efforts to identify and capture aircraft supporting illegal mining, but tracking down planes' owners is stymied by the fact they're usually registered to fronts relatives, workers, or spouses who refuse to name names. Generally, the illegal aircraft owners are local elites who launder their money in Boa Vista hotels, restaurants, gyms and gasoline stations, according to police officials, who



Aircraft seized for allegedly being connected to illegal gold mining are grounded in Boa Vista, Brazil. ANDRE PENNER/AP 2021

declined to disclose names.

Drawn by high gold prices, reduced state and federal oversight and outdated mining legislation, plus pro-mining rhetoric and proposed legislation from far-right President Jair Bolsonaro that would make it legal to mine on reserves, thousands of miners have flocked to the Yanomami reserve in search of the precious metal, exacerbating a longstanding problem that has only grown worse in recent years.

An Associated Press investigation, which includes interviews with prosecutors, federal law enforcement agents, miners and industry insiders, shows that the unauthorized aircraft - and the countless gallons of fuel needed to power them and other mining equipment forms the backbone of the shadowy economy of illicit mining in Roraima. Without that network functioning smoothly, law enforcement officials and environmental experts say illegal mining operations would collapse.

Dozens of pilots arrived recently in Boa Vista from other states looking for work during Brazil's economic downturn, a time that coincided with high gold prices and a drop in inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Potential rewards for the pilots outweigh risks that include possible arrest or getting lost in the vast, pristine expanse of the Amazon. Last year, one pilot crashed in the jungle and survived on his own for five weeks, losing 57 pounds in the process. Another vanished flying between two regions of Yanomami territory known for illegal mining. Local media reports have documented numerous lost and missing pilots.

Small aircraft frequently carry supplies to illegally mined gold from the Yanomami reserve, which borders Venezuela. Nimbler helicopters can quickly hop the border beyond Brazilian authorities' reach.

Adding to law enforcement's difficulties, mining pilots fly low to avoid radar

detection, according to Superintendent Peres. In addition, identifying tail numbers on the planes are often altered or removed to make them harder to trace.

A former illegal miner who said he used to operate on the reserve until he was indicted, and spoke with the AP on condition of anonymity, said aircraft serving illegal sites are usually kept in one location, loaded with supplies in another and then flown to the Yanomami reserve. Locations are constantly switched to try and avoid seizures, he said.

The former prospector and a federal police spokesperson told the AP that the average cost to reach Yanomami land by plane is 10 grams of gold, worth more than \$500 at black market prices.

The rush for gold and the building of illegal airstrips have created frictions with Indigenous groups and have led to a reported uptick in violence. Last year, miners gunned down two young Yanomami men who were hunting near a clandestine helicopter landing spot.

Those involved in the illegal gold trade represent a cross-section of individuals and companies ranging from shady fly-by-night operators to otherwise legitimate businesses. And a variety of federal agencies have been clamping down on criminal enterprises that profit from illegal mining in protected

Brazil's civil aviation agency is investigating an air taxi company, Icarai Turismo Taxi Aereo, that was awarded government contracts by the country's Health Ministry to transport Indigenous people and medical equipment. The agency has said it was probing whether the company was also using its planes to bring in prospectors and supplies for illegal mining. The company didn't respond to requests for comment from the AP.

Federal police also froze \$1.7 million in assets from a group thought to be operating illegal aerial logistics on the Yanomami reserve. Investigations suggest that the group had transactions

totaling \$75 million over a two-year period.

But reports from Brazil's Council for Financial Activities Control indicated the amount of money was beyond the individuals' means, suggesting possible money laundering, the police said.

Police investigators found that the main suspect, who wasn't named, had leased land bordering a protected forest and installed an aviation fuel storage tank. He had permission from the state environmental agency, despite it being illegal, according to the Federal Police.

Investigators said the man used his air taxi company to supply wildcat mining operations. Police said those involved include his two children, three others and front men.

Brazil's environmental regulator, Ibama, has also ramped up its efforts against illegal gold mining operations. Last September, the agency closed 59 clandestine airstrips, five helicopter pads and three river ports within the Yanomami reserve. Agents also seized 11 aircraft, eight vehicles and three tractors.

More than 300 mostly short videos filmed by agents — part of a report obtained by the AP—show planes hidden with brush and tarps, plus stockpiles of fuel under the forest canopy.

forest canopy.

In his office in Boa Vista,
Alisson Marugal, a federal
prosecutor, stood beside
a map of the Yanomami
reserve and pointed to its
border. There, he said, are
"many more" illegal airstrips,
mostly on private properties
like farms.

"There is a huge demand inside (from the wildcat mines on the reserve)," said Marugal. "For food, for fuel. And if this demand is not met, they (the miners) will leave."

"At the same time, such huge demand always guarantees that there are willing suppliers," he said.



Former Syrian Col. Anwar Raslan, right, was found guilty of crimes against humanity Thursday in Koblenz, Germany. Raslan was arrested in 2019. **THOMAS FREY/GETTY-AFP POOL PHOTO**

Ex-Syrian colonel sentenced to life for abuses in civil war

By Ben Hubbard The New York Times

A court in Germany found a former Syrian security officer guilty Thursday of crimes against humanity

and sentenced him to life in prison.

He is the highest-ranking Syrian official to be held accountable for abuses committed by the government during a decade of

civil war.

The former officer,
Anwar Raslan, was accused
of overseeing a detention
center where prosecutors
said at least 4,000 people
were tortured and 58 were

The verdict marks a watershed moment for an international network of lawyers, human rights activists and Syrian war survivors who have struggled for years to bring officials who sanctioned or participated in the violence to justice.

Through nearly 11 years of civil war, the Syrian government bombed residential neighborhoods, used poison gas and tortured countless detainees in state lockups, but until now, no high-level offi-

cial had been held accountable for these acts, which human rights lawyers describe as war crimes.

"This sends a clear message to the world that certain crimes will not go unpunished," said Stefanie Bock, director of the International Research and Documentation Center for War Crimes Trials at the University of Marburg in Germany.

But while Raslan, a former colonel, held a high rank in a Syrian intelligence service, he was more of a cog than a pillar in the government of President Bashar Assad and its vast apparatus of repression.

After more than a decade of war, Assad remains in power, and there appears little chance that he or his senior advisers or military commanders will stand trial soon. They rarely travel abroad, and go only to countries they can count on not to arrest them, like Russia, a supporter of Assad.

Other potential avenues for justice have also been blocked. Syria is not party to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, and Russia and China have used their vetoes on the U.N.

Security Council to prevent Syria from being referred to the court.

Germany is among a few European countries that have sought to try former Syrian officials for war crimes based on universal jurisdiction, the principle of international law that says some crimes are so grave that they can be prosecuted anywhere.

Raslan, 58, oversaw a security office and detention center in Damascus, the Syrian capital, during the early days of the war.

German prosecutors argued that his position gave him oversight of torture that included beating, kicking, electric shocks and sexual assault.

Witnesses in the trial said they were fed inedible food, denied medical care and kept in overcrowded cells.

Judges ruled there was evidence to hold Raslan responsible for 27 deaths.

In a statement to the court, Raslan denied that he had been involved in torture.

He entered Germany on a visa in 2014 and lived

there legally until German

authorities arrested him in

Jan. 6 panel weighs whether to subpoena GOP lawmakers By Mary Clare Jalonick, Farnoush Amiri

Farnoush Amiri and Eric Tucker Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican leader Kevin McCarthy's refusal to provide information to a bipartisan House committee about his call with then-President Donald Trump during the Capitol riot is deepening a stand-off between the committee and GOP lawmakers, forcing investigators to consider whether they could subpoena one of their own

McCarthy joined two other Trump allies — Reps. Jim Jordan of Ohio and Scott Perry of Pennsylvania — in rejecting the panel's requests for interviews and documents. McCarthy, R-Calif., decried the committee as an "abuse of power" and said he had little to offer.

There is "nothing that I can provide" to the committee, he said, as it investigates what Trump was doing inside the White House, and his state of mind, as hundreds of his supporters violently pushed past law enforcement in an insurrection that temporarily halted the congressional certification of Democrat Joe Biden's White House win.

The stand by the three GOP lawmakers has left the committee of seven Democrats and two Republicans with a choice: take the extraordinary step of subpoenaing their own colleagues or allow the requests, and the defiance of their work, to go unanswered.

The committee's leaders, Chairman Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., and Vice Chairwoman Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., have said they are prepared to subpoena any witness crucial to the investigation. But privately, committee members are wrestling over the potential legal and political



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy is refusing a request by the House panel investigating the U.S. Capitol insurrection to submit to an interview. **AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/AP**

complications of such a move. While congressional ethics committees have the authority to subpoena lawmakers, there is little modern precedent for another committee doing so.

Thompson said in December that there is uncertainty over whether such a subpoena could be enforced because of the speech and debate clause of the Constitution, which says members of Congress "shall not be questioned in any other place" for their words in either House.

"I doubt it, because of the speech and debate clause," Thompson said. "There is no precedent to force that compliance."

Still, the committee has not ruled it out.

The committee has publicly subpoenaed about 50 other witnesses and many others privately.

McCarthy has acknowledged the call with Trump on Jan. 6, 2021, which happened as Trump's supporters were beating police outside the Capitol and forcing their way into the building. But McCarthy has not shared many details. The committee requested information about his conversations with Trump "before, during and after"

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Speaking to reporters Thursday, McCarthy said the conversation with Trump "was very short, advising the president what was happening here."

The committee's request also seeks information about McCarthy's communications with then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and communications with Trump and White House staff in the week after the violence, including reports of a conversation that was "heated."

In Wednesday's letter, Thompson said the committee "must learn about how the President's plans for January 6th came together, and all the other ways he attempted to alter the results of the election.

The committee acknowledged the sensitive and unusual nature of its request as it proposed a meeting with McCarthy on either Feb. 3 or 4.

Feb. 3 or 4.

"The Select Committee has tremendous respect for the prerogatives of Congress and the privacy of its Members," Thompson wrote. "At the same time, we have a solemn responsibility to investigate fully the facts and circumstances of these

RONNIE SPECTOR 1943-2022

'60s icon had string of hits leading girl group Ronettes

By Mark Kennedy Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronnie Spector, the cat-eyed, bee-hived rock 'n' roll siren who sang such 1960s hits as "Be My Baby," "Baby I Love You" and "Walking in the Rain" as the leader of the girl group the Ronettes, died Wednesday. She was 78.

Spector died after a brief battle with cancer, her family

"Ronnie lived her life with a twinkle in her eye, a spunky attitude, a wicked sense of humor and a smile on her face. She was filled with love and gratitude," a statement said. No other details were revealed.

The Ronettes' sexy look and powerful voices — plus songwriting and producing help from Phil Spector — turned them into one of the premier acts of the girl-group era, touring England with the Rolling Stones and befriending the Beatles.

Spector, alongside her sister Estelle Bennett and cousin Nedra Talley, scored hits with pop masterpieces like "Baby, I Love You," "Walking in the Rain," "I Can Hear Music" and "Be My Baby," which was co-written by Spector, Jeff Barry and Ellie Greenwich.

"We weren't afraid to be hot. That was our gimmick," Spector said in her memoir. "When we saw The Shire-lles walk on stage with their wide party dresses, we went in the opposite direction and squeezed our bodies into the tightest skirts we could find. Then we'd get out on stage and hike them up to show our legs even more."

Born Veronica Bennett on Aug. 10, 1943, Spector and her multiracial bandmates grew up in the Washington Heights area of New York City. They began singing and dancing in clubs as Ronnie and the Relatives, becoming noteworthy for their liberal use of eyeliner and mascara.

"The louder they



Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes were induced into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007. **JESSE GRANT/GETTY FILE**

applauded, the more mascara we put on the next time," she wrote. "We didn't have a hit record to grab their attention, so we had to make an impression with our style. None of it was planned out; we just took the look we were born with and extended it."

In March 1963, Estelle Bennett managed to arrange an audition in front of Phil Spector, known for his brassand-drum style dubbed the "wall of sound."

They were signed to Phillies Records in 1963. After being signed, they sang backup for other acts until Spector had the group record "Be My Baby" and "Baby I Love You." The group's debut album, "Presenting the Fabulous Ronettes Featuring

Veronica," was released in 1964. Five of its 12 tracks had made it to the U.S. Billboard charts

"Nothing excites me more than just being onstage, having fun and flirting and winking to the guys and stuff like that," she told People magazine in 2017. "I just have so much fun. It's just the best feeling when I go out and they say, 'Ladies and gentlemen.' — my heart stops for a minute — 'Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes!' Then I just go out there and the crowd reacts the way they react and I can go on singing forever."

After touring Germany in 1967, the Ronettes broke up. Spector married Ronnie in 1968, then she said he kept her locked in their Beverly Hills mansion.

Her 1990 autobiography, "Be My Baby: How I Survived Mascara, Miniskirts And Madness," tells an unhappy story of abuse. The couple divorced in 1974.

Phil Spector was sent to prison in 2009 for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson and died in 2020.

Ronnie Spector's influence was felt far and wide. Brian Wilson became obsessed with "Be My Baby" and Billy Joel wrote "Say Goodbye to Hollywood" in Spector's honor.

Martin Scorsese used "Be My Baby" to open his 1973 film "Mean Streets" and the song appears in the title sequence of "Dirty Dancing" and the closing credits of "Baby Mama." It also appeared on TV in "Moonlighting" and "The Wonder Years."

When the Ronettes were inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007, Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones remembered opening for the trio in England in the mid-1960s. "They could sing all their way right through a wall of sound," he said. "They touched my heart right there and then and they touch it still"

After the Ronettes broke up, Spector continued to tour and make music, including "Take Me Home Tonight" with Eddie Money, recording Joel's "Say Goodbye to Hollywood" with Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, and recording the 1999 EP "She Talks to Rainbows," which included her first ever recording of "Don't Worry Baby," written for her by Brian Wilson.

In 2006, she released "Last of the Rock Stars," her first album in 20 years and it featured appearances by the Raconteurs, Keith Richards, Patti Smith and the Raveonettes. In 2010 she released a doo-wop Christmas EP called "Ronnie Spector's Best Christmas Ever" and in 2016 released "English Heart," her covers of songs from Britain in the '60s.

She is survived by her husband, Jonathan Greenfield, and two sons, Jason and Austin.

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INSTALLATION



Navient settles claims of predatory student loans

Servicing company required to cancel \$1.7B in debts for 66,000 borrowers

By Stacy Cowley The New York Times

Navient, once one of the country's largest student loan servicing companies, reached a \$1.85 billion deal with 39 states to settle claims that it had made predatory student loans that saddled millions of borrowers with billions of dollars in debt that they were highly unlikely to repay.

The deal, announced Thursday, requires Navient to cancel \$1.7 billion in private student loan debts for nearly 66,000 borrowers and pay \$95 million in restitution

The private loans were crucial to Navient's ability to make a large volume of lucrative federal loans, prosecutors said.

"Navient repeatedly and deliberately put profits ahead of its borrowers," said Josh Shapiro, the attorney general of Pennsylvania, one of several states that had sued Navient.

Most of those who took out the private loans attended for-profit schools, often ones with low graduation rates and poor job-placement records. The private loans Navient made were — in the company's own words, according to legal filings — a "baited hook" that the lender used to reel in more federally guaranteed loans.

At some schools, it anticipated that more than 90% of the loans would default.

Navient, which did not admit any fault in the settlement, said it did not act illegally.

"The company's decision to resolve these matters, which were based on unfounded claims, allows us to avoid the additional burden, expense, time and distraction to prevail in court," said Mark Heleen, Navient's chief legal officer.

The deal ends a major portion of a set of linked legal actions that began five years ago, when federal and state prosecutors sued the company, which was then at the heart of the student debt collection system.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau sued in federal court over what it called mistakes and tactics by Navient that inflated borrowers' bills by billions of dollars. Several state attorneys general also filed state lawsuits claiming that Sallie Mae Navient's predecessor company, from which it split off in 2014 — made private, subprime loans to borrowers it knew were likely to default.

Under Education Department rules, no more than 90% of a school's tuition payments can come from federal funding. The private loans were intended, according to court filings, to fill that gap and lure in students, who would then take out the lucrative federal loans that the schools—and Navient—relied on.

Those claims are the focus of Thursday's settlement, but it also resolved the states' charges that Navient inflated borrowers' bills by steering federal loan borrowers into costly long-term forbearances instead of guiding them toward more affordable income-based repayment plans. The consumer bureau's lawsuit, which centers on those claims, is continuing.

The settlement calls for payments of around \$260 per person to be distributed to 350,000 federal loan borrowers who were placed in certain types of long-term forbearances.

Wholesale prices jump by a record 9.7% in '21

By Martin Crutsinger Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prices at the wholesale level surged by a record 9.7% for all of 2021, setting an annual record and providing further evidence that inflation is still present at all levels of the U.S. economy.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that its producer price index, which measures inflation before it reaches consumers, did slow on a monthly basis, rising just 0.2% in December compared with November, when prices had shot up 1%.

The 12-month increase in wholesale inflation of 9.7% was also lower than a revised 9.8% increase for the 12 months ending in November.

However, the government uses the December to December change for the yearly increase making the 9.7% rise the fastest annual jump on record, far above the 0.8% increase in 2020 and the 1.4% rise in 2019.

Core inflation at the wholesale level, which excludes volatile food and energy costs, rose 0.5% on a monthly basis in December, down from a 0.9% gain in November. Core prices rose 8.3% during the 12 months ending in December.

The slowdown in overall inflation at the wholesale level was attributed to a 3.3% fall in energy prices and a 0.6% dip in food costs.

Thursday's report came a day after the government reported that consumer inflation jumped 7% in December from a year earlier, the highest such inflation rate since 1982.

The price increases at both the wholesale and retail levels have been attributed in large part to snarled supply chains at a time of surging demand. President Joe Biden's approval ratings on the economy have taken a hit because of the surge in prices.



A man works on a small boat with a luxury yacht looming in the background in Barcelona, Spain. SAMUEL ARANDA/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

Dipping into 'blue economy'

Spanish city of Barcelona reinvents itself as hub where superyachts are repaired

By Raphael Minder
The New York Times

BARCELONA, Spain — Launched less than a year ago, the 460-foot-long, eight-deck Solaris is one of the newest of the superyachts that are the floating palaces of the sea. It has a helipad plus a swimming pool and all the other high-tech amenities required by its Russian billionaire owner, Roman Abramovich.

But on a recent morning in Barcelona, the \$600 million Solaris was out of the water, wedged into a dry dock. Workers were fixing the finlike stabilizers, which help steady the massive vessel in rough seas but retract when there are no swells. At the opposite end of the boatyard, another giant, the Sea Rhapsody, was getting a final checkup.

As the rich have gotten richer during the pandemic, their boats have gotten larger and more expensive — and when these over-the-top superyachts aren't taking their owners to private holiday spots in the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, they need a place to drop anchor and deal with repairs.

And it is here that Barcelona, whose days as a commercial shipyard faded years ago, sees an economic opportunity.

Barcelona has turned itself into a hub for these luxury vessels, combining a private marina that is investing \$22.7 million this year to turn itself into the largest port reserved for superyachts in the Mediterranean and maintenance facilities that can hoist behemoths out of the water and then summon a small army to do repairs.

And it doesn't hurt that Barcelona offers the ships' crew members downtime in one of the Mediterranean's biggest tourism destinations

Attracting billionaire yacht owners is only a small part of Barcelona's efforts to tap into the "blue economy" of the sea, said Jaume Collboni, the deputy mayor. Barcelona's port authority recently approved the construction of a new terminal for cruise ships, set to open in 2024.

The pandemic was a huge blow for a city that normally welcomes millions of visitors. It showed that "diversification is becoming very important," Collboni said. "When tourism dropped down to zero, some parts of the city were heavily affected, and we have needed to find new jobs, also for a less qualified workforce."

At the same time, the spread of the coronavirus gave the world's billionaires a new excuse for keeping their distance from

other people, a role perfectly suited for superyachts.

Worldwide there are roughly 5,700 yachts of about 100 feet or more, and this fleet is set to expand 15% by 2025, according to industry projections. At the pinnacle of this market are about 370 megayachts of about 200 feet or more, whose number has risen 70% in the past decade and is forecast to reach 500 in about seven years.

MB92, the company that operates Barcelona's superyacht maintenance facility, has 180 employees, but much of the labor is carried out by about 1,000 subcontractors whose jobs cover a variety of specialties, including painting, carpentry and insula-

About 40 workshops are scattered around the yard, and during the peak repair seasons of spring and fall the yard can work on about 25 yachts at a time.

tion work.

In Barcelona, which is led by a left-wing city government, not everybody welcomes the arrival of billionaires and their yachts, whose marinas are typically fenced off from the rest of the city's waterfront.

"We are bringing in the richest people in the world, but they don't spend their money in our local neighborhoods, they have yachts that fly the flags of tax havens, and they hire crews who are not from Barcelona," said Gala Pin, a former lawmaker in the city.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US jobless claims climb by 23,000

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits rose last week to the highest level since mid-November, but still low by historic standards.

U.S. jobless claims climbed by 23,000 last week to 230,000, the Department of Labor said Thursday. The four-week moving average, which smooths out week-to-week blips, rose nearly 6,300 to almost 211,000.

The weekly applications have risen in four of the last five weeks, running in tandem with the spread of the omicron variant of COVID-19. Yet the jobs market has bounced back strongly from last year. Jobless claims had fallen mostly steadily for about a year and they dipped below the pre-pandemic average of around 220,000 a week.

Delta to extend travel vouchers

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines said Wednesday that it will extend through 2023 the window for customers to rebook credits earned when they purchased but then canceled flights during the pandemic.

Before the announcement, Delta flight credits were set to expire at the end of 2022. The new date will also apply to all tickets bought in 2022.

Customers will be able to use the credits throughout 2024 if the trip is booked by Dec. 31, 2023, the airline said.

Passengers are entitled to refunds under federal law if the airline cancels their flight. But if the passenger cancels, airlines generally provide only some form of credit or voucher, typically with a one-year expiration.

EU rejects merger of SKorean shipbuilders

By Raf Casert Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Thursday rejected the merger between South Korean shipbuilders Hyundai and Daewoo, saying a union between two of the world's biggest players in the industry would have given the combined company a global stranglehold on the production of liquefied natural gas carriers.

EU Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said the merger "would have led to less choice, higher prices and ultimately less innovation" for European customers, which account for nearly half the orders in the \$45 billion market.

"We prohibited the merger," Vestager

said, arguing the new company would have eliminated a major player and grabbed a global market share exceeding 60%.

And it is not an easy market for new players to jump into. LNG shipbuilding is a complicated process that requires transporting frozen gas at minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit across the globe.

"Only a handful of shipbuilders around the world are able to build these vessels," she said

Hyundai Heavy Industries Holdings called the decision disappointing, saying it "will pursue possible measures, including an appeal to the General Court of the European Union." It denied that the new company would have a chokehold on the market, saying "credible competitors

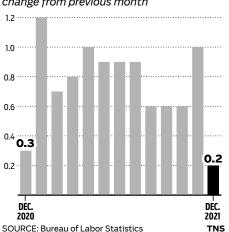
already exist," including Samsung in South Korea and Mitsubishi and Kawasaki in Japan.

While Vestager's office is powerful in vetting such mergers and ensuring European consumers are not hurt by dominant players in the market, it was only the 10th merger that it has blocked in the past decade among 3,000 requests for approval.

Under EU rules, the European Commission can reject mergers even outside its borders if the companies do business within the 27-nation bloc. In the case of the LNG carriers, the new company would have a massive stake in the European markets. To move forward, the two companies would put themselves outside of EU law and lose a huge part of their market.

Producer price index

Index of prices U.S. producers receive for goods and services, percent change from previous month



BUSINESS



Michael Foster of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union holds a sign outside an Amazon facility where labor is trying to organize workers in Bessemer, Ala. JAY REEVES/AP 2021

For Amazon workers in Ala., 2nd union vote to be by mail

By Anne D'Innocenzio Associated Press

A federal labor board said that Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama, will vote by mail next month in a rerun election to decide whether or not to unionize.

The National Labor Relations Board said this week that the ballots will be mailed out Feb. 4 and must be returned before the counting starts March 28.

The move comes roughly a month and a half after the board ordered a new union election for Amazon workers based on objections by the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union to the first vote that took place in April.

The move was a blow to Amazon.com Inc., which spent about a year aggressively campaigning for warehouse workers in Bessemer to reject the union, which they ultimately did by a wide margin.

In a 20-page decision, Lisa Henderson, the regional director for the NLRB, focused much

attention on Amazon's installation of a U.S. Postal Service mailbox at the main employee entrance, which may have created the false impression that the company was the one conducting the election process.

Henderson also rejected Amazon's argument that it was making voting easier and was trying to encourage as high a turnout as possi-

"Our employees have always had the choice of whether or not to join a union, and they overwhelmingly chose not to join the RWDSU last year," said Amazon spokeswoman Barbara Agrait in an emailed statement Tuesday, adding that she looks forward to having its team in Bessemer "having their voices heard again."

Meanwhile, the RWDSU took issue with NLRB's decision to hold an election by mail.

deeply "We are concerned that the decision fails to adequately prevent Amazon from continuing its objectionable behavior

in a new election," said the union in a statement. The union is pushing for in-person election, which it feels could make the process fairer to workers.

RWDSU faces an uphill battle to unionize workers given such high quit rates, but Amazon did reach a settlement with the NLRB last month to allow its employees to freely organize — and without retaliation.

According to the settlement, the online behemoth said it would reach out to its warehouse workers – former and current - via email who were on the job anytime from March 22 of last year to notify them of their organizing rights.

The settlement outlined that Amazon workers, which number 750,000 in the U.S., have more room to organize within the build-

For example, Amazon pledged it will not threaten workers with discipline or call the police when they are engaging in union activity in exterior non-work areas during non-work time.

An insider's look at spending 18 weeks on the Holmes jury

By Erin Woo The New York Times

SAN JOSE, Calif. - If you wondered what it was like to serve as a juror in Silicon Valley's trial of the decade, Susanna Stefanek can tell

For 18 weeks, Stefanek juggled her family, her work as an editorial manager at Apple and her duty as one of 12 jurors in the trial of Elizabeth Holmes, founder of failed blood testing startup Theranos. Holmes, whose case was viewed as a referendum on Silicon Valley's startup excesses, was found guilty Jan. 4 of four of 11 counts of fraud for lying to investors about Theranos' technology.

Her case was closely scrutinized because Holmes was the rare entrepreneur to be indicted, igniting a media frenzy and many hot takes about what her conviction meant — or did not mean - for the tech industry. But for the eight men and four women on the jury, such issues were far from their minds, said Stefanek and another juror in the case, who declined to be named.

Instead, they said, the trial meant rearranging their lives. Initially anticipated to last 13 weeks, the proceedings stretched on. As other high-profile criminal trials started and finished around the country, Holmes' trial schedule was episodic, with testimony sometimes happening three days a week and sometimes not. All the while, jurors were barred from talking about Holmes or reading media coverage about her.

Inside the federal courthouse in San Jose, California, jurors heard from 32 witnesses, with testimony frequently lasting at least five hours a day. Jurors were fueled in part by court-provided sandwiches, Stefanek and the other juror said. In their downtime, they



Elizabeth Holmes, second from left, the founder of the blood testing start-up Theranos, outside court on Jan. 3 during her fraud trial in San Jose, California. She was later found guilty on four counts of fraud. JIM WILSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

worked on a puzzle of Georges Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" and played the tile game Rummikub.

"It was like I was living two different lives during the trial: the life where I'd go to court, and the one where I'd sit down at my desk and log in to work as usual," said Stefanek, 51.

She said she had little idea about the trial's broader implications. "I didn't realize the impact of this verdict could potentially have an effect on how business is done in Silicon Valley," Stefanek said.

Holmes' trial began with opening statements Sept. 8. That started a new routine for Stefanek: She often woke up at 5 a.m. to squeeze in some work and pack lunch for her 12-year-old daughter before driving from Mountain View, California, where she lives, to the San Jose courthouse.

During testimony, Stefanek said, she took 541 pages of notes. At times, she said, jurors struggled to stay awake. Other times, they were shocked to see star witnesses like James Mattis, the retired four-star Marine Corps general and former defense secretary, who had served on Theranos' board.

After closing arguments in December, the jury began deliberating a verdict. They had a method for discussions, Stefanek said, recapping each witness's testimony on sheets of paper that were hung around the courtroom where they spent time when the trial was not in session. They also enlisted the courtroom deputy, Adriana Kratzmann, to make photocopies of one juror's handmade worksheet that listed the criteria for a conviction on each

As the verdict was read, Stefanek said, she avoided eve contact with Holmes, who faces up to 20 years in prison for each guilty count.

"It was a stressful moment for me, because even though our work was done and that was a good thing, knowing the impact that our decision was going to have on the defendant's life was still a burden," Stefanek said.

With the trial over, Stefanek caught up on months of media coverage and funny tweets, saved for her by a friend. She said she was heartened by analyses praising the jury's decision.

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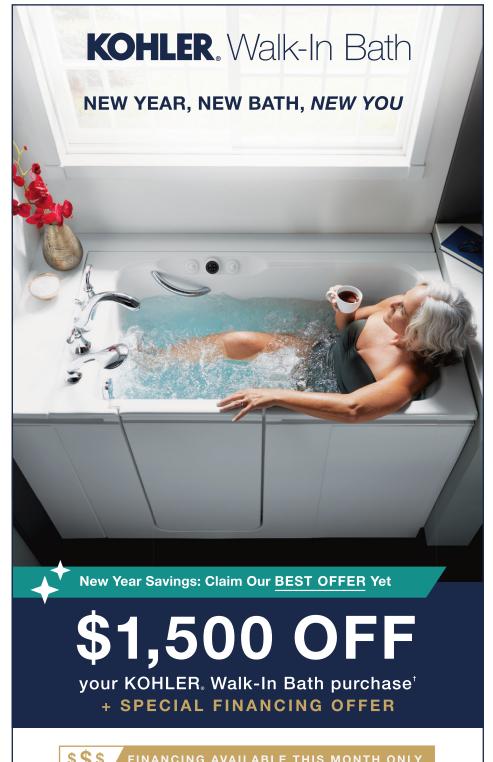
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Invent a civil war? Let's not do that



Ross Douthat

"How Civil Wars Start," a new book by political scientist Barbara Walter, was cited all over the place in the days around the anniversary of last winter's riot at the U.S. Capitol. The New Yorker's David Remnick, Vox's Zack Beauchamp and my New York Times colleague Michelle Goldberg all invoked Walter's work in essays discussing the possibility that the United States stands on the edge of an abyss, with years of civil strife ahead.

The book begins with a story from the fall of 2020: the kidnapping plot against Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, hatched by a group of right-wing militiamen who opposed Whitmer's pandemic restrictions. Fortunately "the FBI was on to them" and foiled the plot — but the alleged kidnapping conspiracy, Walter argues, is a harbinger of worse to come. Periods of civil war often "start with vigilantes just like these — armed militants who take violence directly to the people."

Here's a skeptical question, though: When we say the FBI was "on to" the plotters, what exactly does that mean? Because at the moment the government's case against them is a remarkable tangle. Fourteen men have been charged with crimes, based in part on evidence reportedly supplied by at least 12 confidential informants — meaning that the FBI had almost one informant involved for every defendant.

And according to reporting from Buzz-Feed's Jessica Garrison and Ken Bensinger, one of these informants — an extremely colorful convicted felon named Stephen Robeson — appears to have been a crucial instigator of the plot. He is alleged to have used government funds to pay for meals and hotel rooms, encouraged people "to vent their anger about governors who enacted COVID-19 restrictions" and "to plan violent actions against elected officials and to acquire weapons and bomb-making materials," and followed up aggressively, calling potential plotters "nearly every

Robeson's role has become enough of a headache for the prosecution, in fact, that they recently disowned him, declaring that he was actually a "double agent" (meaning triple agent, I think) who betrayed his obligations as an informant by trying to destroy evidence and seeking to warn one of the accused conspirators ahead of his arrest. Prosecutors had already ruled out testimony from an agent who ran one of their key informants, probably because he spent much of 2019 trying to drum up business for his private security firm by touting his FBI casework. Presumably we'll find out more about all this when the case comes to trial, but for now it's reasonable to wonder whether Whitmer's would-be kidnappers would have been prepared to go all the way with their vigilante fantasies, absent some prodding from the feds.

And those doubts, in turn, might be reasonably extended to the entire theory of looming American civil war, which assumes something not yet entirely in evidence — a large number of Americans willing to actually put their lives, not just their Twitter rhetoric, on the line for the causes that currently divide our country.

Overall, the academic and journalistic literature on America's divisions offers a reasonably accurate description of increas-



Then-President Trump speaks at a rally on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. The U.S. Capitol was breached later in the day. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

ing American division. The country is definitely more ideologically polarized than it was 20 or 40 years ago; indeed, with organized Christianity's decline, you could say that it's more metaphysically polarized as well. We are more likely to hate and fear members of the rival party, more likely to sort ourselves into ideologically homogeneous communities, more likely to be deeply skeptical about public institutions and more likely to hold conspiratorial beliefs - like the belief that Joe Biden and the Democrats stole the 2020 election that undercut the basic legitimacy of the opposition party's governance.

At the same time, the literature suffers from a serious liberal-bias problem, a consistent naiveté about the left and center's roles in deepening polarization. For instance, in the Bush and Obama eras there were a lot of takes on the dangers of "asymmetric polarization" - the supposed ideological radicalization of the Republicans relative to the Democrats. Across most of the 2010s, though, it was clearly liberals who moved leftward much more rapidly, while Republicans basically stayed put - and yet somehow the perils of that kind of asymmetry get much less expert attention.

Likewise the drama of protest politics in 2020 is often analyzed in a way that minimizes the revolutionary symbolism of the left's protests — the iconoclasm and the toppled statues, the mayhem around federal buildings and the White House, the zeal to rename and rewrite — and focuses intensely on the right's response, treating conservative backlash as though it emerges from the reactionary ether rather than as a

The other bias in the civil-war literature is toward two related forms of exaggeration. First, an exaggerated emphasis on what Americans say they believe, rather than what (so far, at least) they actually do. It's absolutely true that if you just look at polling data, you see a lot of beliefs that would seem to license not just occasional protest but some sort of continuing insurrection. This includes not only the Trumpist stolen-election theories but also popular beliefs about recent Republican presidents - that George W. Bush had foreknowledge and allowed Sept. 11 to happen or that the

Russians manipulated vote tallies in order to place Donald Trump, their cat's-paw, in the White House.

However, an overwhelming majority of people who hold those kinds of beliefs show no signs of being radicalized into actual violence. For all the talk of liberal "resistance" under Trump, the characteristic left-wing response to the Trump administration was not to join anti-facists but to mobilize to elect Democrats; it took the weird conditions of the pandemic and the lockdowns, and the spark of the George Floyd killing, to transmute anti-Trumpism into national protests that actually turned violent.

Likewise, despite fears that Jan. 6 was going to birth a "Hezbollah wing" of the Republican Party, there has been no major far-right follow-up to the event, no dramatic surge in Proud Boys or Oath Keepers visibility, no campaign of anti-Biden terrorism. Instead, Republicans who believe in the stolen-election thesis seem mostly excited by the prospect of thumping Democrats in the midterms, and the truest believers are doing the extremely characteristic American thing of running

This has prompted a different liberal fear — that these new officeholders could help precipitate a constitutional crisis by refusing to do their duty in a close election in 2024. But that fear is an example of the other problem of exaggeration in the imminent-civil-war literature, the way the goal posts seem to shift when you question the evocations of Fort Sumter or 1930s Europe.

Thus we are told that some kind of major democratic breakdown is likely "absent some radical development" (as Beauchamp puts it); that we are already "suspended between democracy and autocracy" (as Remnick writes); that "the United States is coming to an end" and the only question "is how," to quote the beginning of Stephen Marche's new book, "The Next Civil War." But then it turns out that the most obvious danger is an extremely contingent one, involving a cascade of events in 2024 — a very specific sort of election outcome, followed by a series of very high-risk, unusual radical choices by state legislators and Republican senators and the Supreme Court — that are worth

worrying about but not at all the likeliest scenario, let alone one that's somehow structurally inevitable.

Similarly, we are first told that "civil war" is coming, but then it turns out that the term is being used to mean something other than an actual war, that the relevant analogies are periods of political violence like the Irish Troubles or Italy's "Years of Lead." And then if you question whether we're destined to reach even that point, you may be informed that actually the civil war is practically here already — because, Marche writes, "the definition of civil strife starts at 25 deaths within a year," and acts of anti-government violence killed more people than that annually in the later

That kind of claim strikes me as a ridiculous abuse of language. The United States is a vast empire of more than 330 million people in which at any given time some handful of unhinged people will be committing deadly crimes. And we are also a country with a long history of sporadic armed conflict — mob violence, labor violence, terrorism and riots — interwoven with the normal operation of our politics. If your definition of civil war implies that we are always just a few mass shootings or violent protests away from the brink, then you don't have a definition at all: You just have a license for perpetual alarmism.

I am very aware that I'm always the columnist making some version of this calm-down argument, sometimes to a fault. So I want to stress that the problems that undergird the civil-war hypothesis are serious problems, the divisions in our country are considerable and dangerous, the specific perils associated with a Trump resurgence in 2024 entirely real.

But there are also lots of countervailing and complicating forces, and the overall picture is genuinely complex — at least as complex, let's say, as the informant-riddled plot against Whitmer. And as with that conspiracy, it's worth asking whether the people who see potential insurrection lurking everywhere are seeing a danger rising entirely on its own - or in their alarm are helping to invent it.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York

Will what's happening 'over there' hit us again?

By James Jay Carafano The Heritage Foundation

Americans have a lot to worry about. Soaring inflation. A pandemic that refuses to go away. Locked-down schools that keep the kids at home while you have to work.

With so much to focus on at home, who has time or energy to pay attention to what's happening on the other side of the

But there's great danger in becoming indifferent to world affairs. All too often, they wind up crashing into our lives, turning our homes and nation upside down.

We've been in this situation before. In the late 1930s, Americans were struggling through the Great Depression. Hitler's 1938 occupation of the borderlands of Czechoslovakia barely registered in U.S. kitchen-table conversations that year. When he took over Bohemia and Moravia the following year, it was still pretty much crickets on this side of the pond. After all, "that's their problem; we've got worries enough of our own."

The response to events further east was much the same. Japan had seized Manchuria in 1931 and Mongolia in '36, establishing puppet regimes in both countries. America shrugged. In '37, Japan invaded China. Few Americans had any idea of where Manchuria or Nanking were, and little interest in finding out.

It wasn't until Japan struck Pearl Harbor that Americans woke up to the fact that "over there" had suddenly come here.

Once our boys marched off to war, virtu-

ally every American family had a map. Tracking the battlefield reports, they could pinpoint places as remote as Palau and Ploesti. What happened in those distant locations would determine when our troops could come home from a war we didn't ask for but had to fight—and win—to preserve our freedom.

Had the homefront paid that kind of attention to what was going on around the world in the 1930s, the U.S.-in concert with friends and allies-might have been able to forestall Armageddon. Instead, America slept, and the world slipped into

We can't afford to make that mistake again. Hostile powers have been on the move for years, meeting with little to no effective resistance from Western democ-

Russia's 2008 invasion of Georgia fractured that country, creating two new puppet states for President Vladimir Putin. In 2014, Moscow invaded and annexed Crimea. Putin has now arrayed 100,000 troops on the Ukrainian border, raising the threat of another major invasion of that country. Russian troops have moved into Kazakhstan to help put down a revolt against that nation's corrupt government.

China, for its part, has been aggressively building and militarizing artificial islands in the South China Sea for years, part of its longstanding campaign to expand its territorial claims. It has effectively taken over the governance of Hong Kong, and now threatens to take Taiwan by military force.

Such hostile actions are not just "some-



Vladimir Putin recently moved Russian troops into Kazakhstan. ALEXEI NIKOLSKY/SPUTNIK

one else's problem." They pose a threat to global stability. Left unchecked, they can spin the world out of control again.

The U.S. should not try to be the world's policeman. But America does need a responsible, practical foreign policy that looks after America's interests.

To get that kind of policy, everyday Americans are going to have to start thinking about it for themselves. And the first step is to start educating ourselves on world affairs, not ignoring them or just taking as gospel whatever our favorite pundit or politician may say.

That means doing some homework. Nobody likes to do it, but when they do, it can make a huge difference. Look at what happened last year in Virginia. When folks found out about critical race theory and realized it was directly affecting their children, they ignored those who said parents

should have no role in curriculum decisions and demanded that schools drop the CRT propaganda.

That same sort of informed activism is needed in American foreign policy. If we can't muster the effort to think hard about how America should act in the world, then political leaders won't bother either. They certainly won't bother to ask us what we

We can't wait for our politicians—or the next Pearl Harbor-to get serious about foreign policy. It's time to take a good, hard look at what's going on around the world, and soberly consider the most prudent, effective way to stop current threats from spiraling out of control and, ultimately, landing on our doorstep.

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The dollar amounts listed are through the end of last month. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last day of the month immediately preceding this notice are owed in addition to the amount indicated as due and owing in this notice.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE The undersigned hereby advertises the sale of liened goods; Tuesday the 25th day of January, 2022 at 11:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, FOR CASH ONLY, the contents of spaces at Storage Rentals of America, 1065 Voluntown Rd, Griswold, CT, 06351 Torres, Michael unit 1238 Misc. household items. Baker 3rd, Gerald unit 126 Misc. household items. Coyle, Stacy unit 1311 Misc. household items.; Storage Rentals of America, 1280 Hopmeadow, Simsbury, CT, 06070 Arzu, Daisy Janet unit 0331 Misc. household items. Arzu, Daisy Janet unit 0928 Misc. household items. Storage Rentals of America, 123R West St, Simsbury, CT, 06070 Civitillo, Victor unit 117A Misc. household items.; Storage Rentals of America, 2 Commerce Dr, Columbia, CT, 06237 Zhao, Juryang unit 287 Misc. household items.; Storage Rentals of America, 610 Pigeon Hill Rd, Bloomfield, CT, 06002 Sotis, Tim L. unit B49 Misc. household items. Other Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE The undersigned

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A certified list of fifty-one (51) Republican party-endorsed candidates for the town of Simsbury for election as Members of the Simsoury for election as wembers of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office at 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules, is sixty (60).

A Primary will be held March 1, 2022, if fifteen (15) candidacies (which is at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected by such party in the municipality) are filed in accordance with §§9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes, by persons

other than party-endorsed candidates, not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of town committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.)

Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Susan Salina, Republican Registrar of Voters, 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

> Trish Munroe Municipal Clerk of Simsbury

1/14/22 7127670

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH **PUBLIC HEARING**

Hartford

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing via GoToMeeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following items of business. Comments may be heard and written communications received.

received.

1. A proposal to join the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD).

2. An ordinance which would allow the Board of Selectmen to appoint additional members to the Board of Assessment Appeals . Copies of CRAHD's proposal, and the proposed ordinance, are on file for examination in the Town Clerk's office and at townofkillingworth.com. Meeting link: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/347962309

Dial in: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 347-962-309

Nancy Gorski For the Board of Selectmen 1/12/2022 1/14/22 7126702

LEGAL NOTICE BRISTOL, CT ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Sec. 21(f) of the City Charter, public hearings are scheduled by the Ordinance Committee of the City Council, duly authorized, on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 in the First Floor Meeting Room, City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT on the following proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

At 5:00 p.m., Sec. 16-3.
 Tobacco products prohibited in city parks and recreational properties.
 It shall be prohibited, at all times, for an individual to smoke and/or use any tobacco or cannabis product in any form while at a city park or recreational property.

At 5:10 p.m., adding a definition to Sec. 16-7. Definitions.
"Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240 of the CT General Statutes;
"Cannabis product" means cannabis that is in the form of cannabis concentrate or a product that contains cannabis, which many be combined with other ingredients, and is intended for use or consumption.

ATTEST: Therese Pac Town and City Clerk 1/14/22 7126752

Car Reviews

Connecticut

The tax collector of the Town of Vernon has levied upon the following properties in Vernon and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12·157. Volume and page numbers refer to the Town's land records; maps refer to the Town's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 2022 at the Vernon Town Hall at 14 Park Place.

Mobile home at 2 South Terrace (Volume 633 Page 179) owned by Joe D. Atkinson, owing \$2,642.17. ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc.; Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Northeast Utilities; High Manor Mobile Home Park; High Manor, LLC; and Dizenzo Residential Communities, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished

86 Orchard Street (Volume 2420 Page 43) owned by Amanda Bailey, owing \$36,801.57

977 Hartford Turnpike (Map 72 Lot 00030) owned by Estate of Joseph Bielecki a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki a/k/a Joseph Bielecki, Jr. a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki, Jr., owing \$22,661.15. The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Joseph Bielecki a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki a/k/a Joseph Bielecki, Jr. a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki, Jr. may have interests which will be extinguished by the

985 Hartford Turnpike (Map 72 Lot 00030-0001) owned by Estate of Joseph Bielecki a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki a/k/a Joseph Bielecki, Jr. a/k/a Joseph G. Bielecki, Jr., owing \$31,545.87. The Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Joseph Bielecki may have interests which will be extin-

23 Brooklyn Street (Volume 1608 Page 33) owned by Richard Demaine, owing \$14,921.31. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-7 may have interests which will be extin-

371 Tunnel Road (Volume 2402 Page 47) owned by Barry Folland, owing \$47,968.36.

119 Center Road (Volume 2177 Page 231) owned by Niko Jurich, owing \$4,539.25. Preferred Investment Associates, Inc.; KeyBank, N.A. as successor to First Niagara Bank; Homestead Fuel, Inc.; Synovus Bank as successor to World's Foremost Bank; Cavalry SPV I, LLC; and Discover Bank may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale

33 Snipsic Street (Map 41 Block 115 Lot 00005) owned by Mark Kalina, owing \$40,494.85. People's United Bank, N.A. as successor to Rockville Bank and Warren J. Gottier Fuel Company, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale

10 Orchard Street (Volume 1635 Page 226) owned by Johnny J. McShane and Robin L. Roy a/k/a Robin L. McShane a/k/a Robin Roy McShane, owing \$5,150.06. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as successor to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp; U.S. Bank National Association, Trustee of NRZ Recovery Trust; Johnson Memorial Hospital; Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Legacy ECMPF as successor to Eastern Connecticut Medical Professionals Foundation. Inc ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale

37 Franklin Street (Volume 2153 Page 33) owned by Mary C. Papazoglow, owing \$42,648.54. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2000-C Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2000-C by Assignment of Mortgage dated March 2, 2006; and Homeward Residential, Inc. as successor to American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

333 Lake Street (Volume 357 Page 281) owned by Estate of Elizabeth Peterson a/k/a Elizabeth H. Peterson, owing \$25,352.40. Sandra M. Peterson; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Elizabeth Peterson may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

7 Harlow Street (Volume 507 Page 198) owned by David H. Rivers, owing \$22,550.60. People's United Bank, N.A. as successor to Savings Bank of Rockville and MEB Loan Trust II may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

108 West Main Street (Volume 640 Page 100) owned by Stephen J. Sanders, owing \$2,348.08. Webster Bank, N.A. as successor to The Peoples Savings Bank of New Britain and Achieve Financial Credit Union may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

61 Pinewood Drive (Volume 2462 Page 237) owned by Lance Shackway, owing \$42,369.30. Comfed Savings Bank, F.A. as successor to Heritage Savings & Loan Association, Inc. and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services may have interests which will be extinguished

341 Center Road (Volume 155 Page 680) owned by Gloria J. Sharpe, owing \$39,429.28. ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc.; KeyBank, N.A. itself and as successor to NewAiliance Bank; Bristol Hospital; and Law Office of Dale C. Roberson, LLC may hope interacts which will be pertiagrished by the contractors. which will be extinguished by the sale 337 Center Road (Volume 1977 Page 236) owned by Frederick J. Sharpe and Gioria J. Sharpe, owing \$13,725.82. ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc.; KeyBank, N.A. itself and as successor to NewAlliance Bank; Bristol Hospital; and Law Office of Dale C. Roberson, LLC may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

2 Amy Drive (Volume 1219 Page 51) owned by John D. Springmann, Jr. and Billie Jo Fusco, owing \$59,228.77. Superior Energy LLC; Reservoir Heights Homeowners Association, Inc.; People's United Bank, N.A. as successor to People's Bank and to United Bank; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as successor to Washington Mutual Bank; and ECHN d/b/a Manchester Memorial & Rockville General Hospital, Inc. may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

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FARMINGTON, CT

Sealed BIDS for the "EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE STONE HOUSE" will be accepted by the Town of Farmington at the Finance Office, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut 06032, until 11:00 A.M. local time, on February 1, 2022, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Prior to the public opening of the bids, any bid submitted may be withdrawn by the bid-der. Any such bid withdrawal may be made without penalty or prejudice. After the bids are opened, all bids will be considered firm for a period of sixty (60) days and no bid may be withdrawn for any reason during that period except for such cause as the Town of Farmington, at its sole discretion, deems sufficient.

BID documents may be examined and obtained at the Finance Office, Farmington to the Market Ma

The CONTRACT consists of providing all labor, equipment and materials for work generally consisting of, but not limited to, EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE STONE HOUSE and any associated work. All BIDDERS are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the location.

The Town of Farmington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any or all informalities or technical defects, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

The successful BIDDER is required to comply with the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Executive Orders 3, 17, 11246, 11375, 11478 and, if applicable, the Connecticut Fair Employment Practice Law. Facsimile and e-mail BIDS will not be accepted.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #1114 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 CONSULTANT

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Connecticut

NEWINGTON TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION Notice of Public Hearing January 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 to consider the following petitions:

to modify an existing freestanding sign to allow for LED prices at 430 New Britain Ave., Applicant and Owner: S&S Automotive LLC, Contact: Carolyn Parker. Petition #52-21: Zoning Text Amendment (Sec. 3.22.1) to define and allow commercial

vehicles as an accessory use in residential zones, Applicant and Contact: Newington TPZ. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this public hearing will be conducted by Zoom Webinar. Information on how to attend will be posted

on the Town website at https://www.newingtonct.gov/virtualmeetingschedule These petitions and related material are available for public inspection through the published agenda at the Town Plan and

Zoning Commission agenda center: https://

or townplanner@newingtonct.gov not less

www.newingtonct.gov/AgendaCenter/ Town-Planning-Zoning-Commission-27 Persons who require an accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact the Town Planner at 860-665-8578

than 24 hours before the public hearing. Renata Bertotti, AICP 1/14, 1/21/2022 7127156

TOWN OF COVENTRY INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for "LANDFILL GAS VENTING SYSTEM AT MILLER-RICHARDSON ATHLETIC SYSTEM AT MILLER-RICHARDSON ATHLETIC FIELD" will be received until 2:00 p.m., February 10, 2022 in the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT. This project includes, but is not limited to, the installation of a Landfill Gas Venting System at the Town of Coventry Miller-Richardson Park Athletic Field situated above a "Closed Solid Waste Disposal Area (Coventry Landfill)" in Coventry. Connecticut. Coventry, Connecticut.

Contract specifics and documents, pdf format, can be obtained from the Town's website under Bid Postings at https://www. coventryct.org/bids.aspx. Bidder shall utilize the bid form, 10% bid bond, projected contractor's schedule, qualifications of bidder, and non-collusion forms in the manual.

THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO STATE

SET-ASIDE AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE STATE-FUNDED PORTION OF THE PROJECT. The attention of the Bidders is called to the requirement for minimum wage rates to be paid under this

The Town of Coventry reserves the right to reject all bids, or to waive any technical defects, and to make an award to the party determined to be the lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. No Bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

For further information, call the Town Engineer at 860 742-4078 or email tpenney@coventry.org.

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John A. Elsesser 1/14/2022 7126301

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Connecticut

CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Purchasing Services Office, invites qualified organizations or individuals to submit proposals for the following program services:

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES STATEWIDE

Request for Proposal documents outlining procedures for submittal of proposals will be available online at www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL IS: BEFORE 2:30 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24,

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer 1/14/2022 7127145

Public Sale of Mobile Home

17 Grove Terrace, Westbrook, CT A 1982 Burlington 14 x 56 mobile home Pursuant to C.G.S. 21-80(e)(1) Sale will extinguish all previous ownership and lien

rights.
Further information can be obtained by calling 860-853-6008.
Auction will take place at 17 Grove Terrace,
Westbrook, CT on January 18, 2022 at 10am
1/14, 1/21, 1/28/2022 7127613

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Aspinook Hydro, LLC Project No. 3472-024

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (January 11, 2022)

On April 30, 2020, Aspinook Hydro, LLC filed an application for a new major license for the 2.78-megawatt Wyre Wynd Hydroelectric Project (Wyre Wynd Project) (FRC No. 3472). The Wyre Wynd Project is located on the Quinebaug River in New London and Windham Counties, Connecticut. The project does not occupy federal land.

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, on October 6, 2021, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to license the Wyre Wynd Project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission's final licensing delicion.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE TARGET DATE Commission issues EA June 2022 Comments on EA July 2022

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Kristine Sillett at (202) 502-6575 or kristine.sillett@ferc.gov. 1/14/2022 7127755

Notice of Application

Town(s): Hartford, CT 06120 Notice is hereby given that the City of Hartford (the "Applicant") 50 Jennings Road, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06120 will submit to the Department of Energy & Environmental Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) an application under Connecticut General Statutes Sections 22a 403 (Dam Safety). Specifically, the applicant intends to propose to perform repairs to the existing South Meadows Dike (Clark Dike) Flood Control Structure in Hartford's South Meadows. Proposed activities will consist of the replacement of the existing toe drain, slope stabilization and construction of a chimney drain and buttress. Interested parties may obtain copies of the application from the applicant: Frank Dellaripa, City Engineer/ Assistant Director of Public Works, Engineer/ Assistant Director of Public Works, 50 Jennings Road, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06120 of by email Frank.Dellaripa@ hartford.gov. After submission, the application will be available at the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Dam Safety Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, telephone 860-424-3019 from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please call in advance to schedule a review of the

Liquor Notices

1/14/2022 7127194

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, PRAVINBHAI N PATEL, 10 NORTHWOODS LN, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457-6234. Have filed an application placarded 01/11/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of algobolic liquor on the premises at sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 398 SILAS DEANE HWY WETHERSFIELD CT 06109-2128. The business will be owned by SHREE MATE LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 02-22-2022.

01/11/2022 PRAVINBHAI N PATEL 1/7, 1/14/2022 7122859

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Peter G. Burns Scott M. Fowler David K. Loughrey **Farmington Dorothy Plant**

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George Chatzopoulos

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David K. Loughrey **OUT OF STATE** David K. Loughrey East Longmeadow, MA

* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Adams, Patricia V. (Sottile)



Patricia V. Adams (Sottile) of West Hartford, CT passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Pat, the loving wife of the late Donald Adams, was born in Hartford on July 15, 1935, to Joseph and Bessie (Izzi) Sottile. She at-tended Weaver High School and was employed by Heublein for many years.

During their retirement Pat and Don enjoyed spending winters in the close-knit community of Hobe Sound, Florida. Pat enjoyed entertaining her many friends and family, where nobody left her house hungry or dehydrated. She loved hosting her weekly bridge parties, as well as her family poker games. She would never miss her nightly Jeopardy show and her quick wit was always on display.

She is survived by her beloved son Michael and his wife Claire of Cheshire, CT. Pat, or 'Nona', also leaves behind her three grandchildren: Sean and his fiancée Kim O'Neill of Stamford, CT; Kevin Adams of New York, NY and Bryan Adams of New York, NY. Pat loved to surround herself with her many beloved nieces and nephews, among them Karen and Jeff Cain of Dallas, TX; Bruce and Moira Balog of Glastonbury, CT; Hunter Cain of Wilmington, NC; Taylor Cain of Houston, TX; Danielle and Jake Leibowitz and their son Aiden of Oakland. NJ: and Jake Leibowitz and their son Aiden of Oakland, NJ; Jennifer Balog of Vernon, CT; Jason and Danielle Kroot and their son Cooper of Portland, ME; Travis Kroot of Portland, ME; Lexi Kroot of Arlington, VA. Pat's many friends from Florida and from the neighborhood meant the world to be including Mary & Tom Brazel Mimi the world to her, including Mary & Tom Brazel, Mimi Parks, Kim Meucci and Claire, Jennifer and Matthew Lombard. In addition to her parents, Pat is predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Dave Balog.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford, CT. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHiilbornBreen.com.

> Sheehan Hilborn Breen **FUNERAL HOME**

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Leach Sr., Robert A.



Robert A. Leach Sr., 94, of Southington peacefully passed away, while visiting his son for the holiday season, on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI. He was the beloved husband of Lucy (D'Ambrosi) Leach. Born October 21, 1927 in Southington, he was the son

of the late Frank and Annette

(Schroth) Leach. Bob grew up on the Leach family farm where he is still remembered by his cousins as being a prankster. He attended Lewis High School, was recruited on to the football team, but was unable to play due to his obligations on the family farm and graduated with the

Class of 1946. He enjoyed dancing and would dance the night away at a time when Lake Compounce welcomed the Big Bands such as Duke Ellington and even a young Frank Sinatra. Bob's professional career began in sales, as a salesman and later as an architectural consultant.

He served many years as an Honorary Deputy Sheriff for the New Haven County Sheriff's Dept. As a dedicated parishioner of Mary Our Queen Church in Plantsville he served the parish needs faithfully, in roles such as head usher for countless years as well as having served on the church council. He was a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, Isabella Council #15.
Bob enjoyed entertaining at the house and traveled extensively throughout Europe. He loved to be around people and when invited to gatherings, he would often be the life of the party with his good nature and his sense of humor. He found it difficult to resist playing a good practical joke on those he loved.

Bob was devoted and almost inseparable from his wife Lucy, of 58 years. Certainly, he was happiest when surrounded by his family. We will never forget his smile that immediately sparked that characteristic twinkle in However, he will be most remembered for the countless acts of kindness and generosity to those in need whether these individuals were family, close friends, or even complete strangers. He had a love of animals that rooted from his work on the farm. You can take the boy off the farm, but cannot take the farm

out of the boy. In addition to his wife, he leaves his two sons; Dr. Robert A. Leach Jr. of Brussels, Belgium and Richard Leach his wife Amy of Troy, MI; three grandchildren, Daniel, Abigail and Sarah Leach. He was predeceased by his sister Anne Leach.

His funeral will be held on Monday, January 17th at 10:15 a.m. from the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington to Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville for a Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery. Calling hours will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Nichols, Merrill Avery



Merrill A. Nichols, 99, died on Saturday, January 8, 2022. He was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Betty) B. Nichols. He was born September 28, 1922, in Hartford. He and Betty were married in 1947 in Hartford and moved to Newington in 1954. In 2005, they returned to Hartford to livé at Avery Merrill graduated Heights. from Hartford Public High School, Class of 1940. He was

employed by the Travelers Insurance Company for nearly 40 years and served in Europe during World War II in the US Air Corps. For several years he was Treasurer for the Town of Newington and was active with the Newington Historical Society and Trust. He was a member of the Church of Christ Congregational, Newington, and served as a deacon and in other capacities. Merrill and Betty spent many summers enjoying their cottage on Quassett Lake in Woodstock, CT, with their children. They also did a good deal of traveling throughout the United States. They loved camping, canoeing, biking,

United States. They loved camping, canoeing, biking, and cross-country skiing.

Merrill leaves his son, Kenneth (Ken) Nichols, and daughter in law, Fausta Esguerra, of Hampton, CT, and daughter, Margery Nichols, of Lebanon, CT. Funeral Services for Merrill will be held later in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of Christ Congregational, 1075 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. The Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial is assisting with the arrangements. To leave Memorial is assisting with the arrangements. To leave an online expression of sympathy for the family, please visit www: duksa.net.



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Chatzopoulos, George



George Chatzopoulos, 55 of Orange passed away peacefully on January 10, 2022 at his home surrounded by family after a valiant battle with brain cancer. Beloved son of Dionissios Chatzopoulos and late mother Chatzopoulos of Makrissia, Greece. Loving brother of Dina Bajko (Adam) of Orange, Peter Chatzopoulos (Katerina) of

Athens, Greece, Vasiliki Koufolia (Fotis) of Makrissia, Greece. Cherished uncle of AJ Bajko, Alexander Bajko, Evan Bajko, Eleni Koufolia, Aggeliki Koufolia, Thanásis Koufolia and Maria Angela Chatzopoulou. Also survived by many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. George was the epitome of the American dream. He migrated in 1988 to the United States in his early 20's and started working alongside his father as a dishwasher. In 1995 he began his journey of entrepreneurship when he purchased Eats and Sweets in West Haven, CT. After selling Eat's and Sweets he worked as the General Manager in the Athenian Diner in Milford, CT. In 2003 he bought Chip's Family Restaurant of Orange, CT. This would be the beginning of his American dream coming to fruition. With hard work, dedication, ambition and endless devotion he created an experience that would allow his guests to become family. Through George's passion and with the undying support of his family and special staff, Chip's became a restaurant of choice for families and friends to gather. These core values are what he instilled in his Chip's Team and has now become part of his legacy. George was extremely proud of his Greek heritage and humble beginnings. He will be remembered for many things but most of all for his loving and giving heart. He was the first to say, " How can I help?" and offer to fundraise or contribute whatever way he could to a cause. Remembering there were people that supported him as he got started and then as his business was growing George believed deeply in as his business was growing George believed deeply in "paying it forward". One of the ways he did this, was through his annual Thanksgiving fundraisers where 100 percent of the proceeds were donated to a local charity. George was happy to contribute to organizations large and small such as Relay for Life, Make A Wish Foundation, Columbus Housing for the Veterans, Children's Hospital of Special Care, Operation Hope, Marrakech Inc., Juneteenth Foundation, Orange Country Fair, Orange Fireman's Carnival, local fire departments, police departments and multiple school and town charities. He was honored to be a board member of the Connecticut Restaurant Association, Pan-Gregorian Association of Connecticut and proud to be a part of the Lyons Club, Rotary Club, and multiple Chambers of Commerce. The hard work and dedication of the Chip's Team was never lost on George. He was forever grateful for their loyalty, dedication and teamwork. He was a mentor to many, always willing to give an opportunity to those that exhibited enthusiasm and ambition. He would often be found relaxing while listening to his Greek music. One of his favorite past times was dancing zeibekiko along with friends and family. He was many times the life of the party. He had a special an many times the life of the party. He had a special appreciation for true friendship and cherished the time spent with his friends. He was happiest when his family and friends were enjoying life beside him. Visiting his homeland of Greece annually was something he was sure to make time for. His family and friends there looked forward to his visit since his arrival always brought the spirit of joy, fun, and feast to the village of Makrissia. While George enjoyed many pastimes, his pride and joy was spending time with his family, especially his nephews, AJ, Alex and Evan he referred to as "his boys" whom he treated like his own. Some of their best times were their drives to get ice cream or going out to dinner, just Uncle George and the boys. The Greek word "filotimo" captures the true essence of who George has always been. In the Greek language filotimo represents hospitality, pride, honor, integrity, respect, acts of kindness and unconditional love. George will be sorely missed by his family, friends and his Chip's Team for all of these things and so much more. His legacy will live on through his loved ones

Calling hours will take place at St. Barbara's Church at 480 Racebrook Road in Orange, CT on January 14 from 4 to 8. A funeral will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment at Orange Center Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at St. Barbara's Church Hall following the interment. In the true spirit of George's giving nature, the family is requesting that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the George Chatzopoulos Scholarship being administered through the endowment fund with St. Barbara's Church.

www.saintbarbara.org. www.northhavenfuneral.com



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Burns, Peter G.



OBITUARIES

Peter George Burns, 57, of Sterling, CT, entered into eternal life unexpectedly on January 5th, 2022. Beloved son, brother, father, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. Peter, affectionately known to his friends and family as "The General", "The Mayor of Sterling", "Pistol Pete" or Uncle Pete, was born on June 29th, 1964 in Hartford, CT.

Peter's youthful years were spent in Enfield, CT where he attended elementary School at Harriet Beecher Stowe, Junior High School at John F Kennedy and was a

1982 graduate of Enfield High School.
Peter then served with the U.S. Army from 1985 till
1992, while in he earned the Army Service Ribbon,
The Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Mechanic Badge. He also received citations as a Sharpshooter with an M-16 Rifle and an expert with Hand Grenades.

In Sterling he became an active member of the Forester's club which he spent lots of time.

In Sterling he became an active member of the Forester's club which he spent lots of time. He was primarily employed his entire life as a truck driver and rigger. He was currently working for Bellavance & Roy of Sterling, CT.

Peter enjoyed spending time with his family and friends most of all. Doing just about anything from fishing, canoeing, riding his motorcycle, going to concerts, dancing, barn sales, building and fixing things and trying to learn the banjo. Everyone that knows Peter, knows him for his gift to gab and at times that gift could be very deep due to his extensive knowledge of so many things. Most people could only wish to have the memory of events, stories and history as Peter did. Peter was a wonderful friend to so many.

Peter was predeceased by his parents William Sr and Patricia Burns of Enfield, CT and his son Matthew Burns of Rhode Island. Peter is survived by his two brothers, Christopher A Burns of Stafford, William A Burns Jr. of Enfield and their significant others Arlene Thibodeau and Patricia Eastham, and his son Zachry Burns of PA. His nieces Deanna and Lindsy Burns, his aunt Mary Ann Dixon, his uncle/godfather John J Burns and wife Pamela, his aunt Deborah Richitelli and husband Glenn, his Aunt Carol Golas his aunt & uncle Barbara and Fric

Pamela, his aunt Deborah Richitelli and husband Glenn, his Aunt Carol Golas, his aunt & uncle Barbara and Eric Tocsko, his aunt Pamela Mrozinsky, as well as many

cousins here and in Canada.
Calling hours will be on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm followed by a Prayer Service at Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield. Interment will take place on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 12:00 pm in the Connecticut Veterans Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane Middletown, CT. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to National Suicide Prevention Life Line 800-273-8255. Or any Veterans location of your choice. To leave an online condolence message for the family visit: www.brownememorialchapels.com.

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Dayton, Sharon



Sharon L. (Gingras) Dayton, 73, beloved wife of Robert M. Dayton, of Manchester, went to her eternal home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from her earthly home surrounded by her family on Thursday, January 6, 2022. She was born in Hartford to the late Omer and Carolyn Gingras. Sharon was an active member of Trinity Covenant Church in

Manchester.

Sharon leaves behind Bob, her husband of 51 years, sons R. Scott Dayton and his wife Kara of Southbury, Mark Dayton of Manchester, Benjamin Dayton and his wife Kimberly of West Hartford, grandchildren Morrighan, Teaghan, Hadley and Paige, as well as her brother Richard Gingras and his wife Marilyn of Sandy

Sharon loved to sing, first with round table choir in high school, and then choir and worship team at church. She was also in prison ministries with the Gideons for 25+ years, then with Alpha groups at prisons - always accompanied by her trusty ukulele. More recently, she led seniors in singing at church and at nursing homes. Sharon also for many years made the most delicious cakes for weddings, birthdays, showers, often hand decorated with scripture verses that inspired.

Sharon worked outside the home for a time, then devoted 14 years at home nurturing her sons to high school. Then it was back to work to help finance travel adventures - ocean cruises, vintage car tours, Southwest National Parks... She retired from her position as administrative assistant to the Town of Manchester Planning and Zoning Department after 21

Although blessing others through music or cakes was important, Sharon, in turn felt extremely blessed and proud watching the three sons that she had loved and encouraged become such fine young men.

When Sharon first met Bob, she knew by the end of that blind date that they were meant for each other. The love they shared grew stronger throughout their life together.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family. A memorial service is planned for the Spring. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.

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Butler, Patricia



Patricia Anne "Pat" Butler, 60, of East Hampton, CT passed from this life on January 9, 2022 after a lengthy battle with MS. She was born in Putnam, CT to Eleanor (Morelli) and the late Walter W. Butler, Sr.

graduated Pat from Quinebaug Valley Community

College with a degree in Human Services and spent many years as a caregiver in various roles in Elder Care.

Always smiling and giving of herself for others, she enjoyed everything about Angels, Visiting with Friends and collecting Willow Tree figurines. Her favorite saying 'no matter where you go, there you are!

She is survived by her Mother, Eleanor Butler, brother, Wally Butler, nephew, Donovan Butler and his wife Katrina, Niece, Christine Butler and their Mom, Carol Butler. She was predeceased by her Dad, Walter

Pat's family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Potter Funeral Home in Willimantic. Her funeral service will follow at noon. Cremation will be according to her wishes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the Connecticut MS Society, 659 Tower Avenue, First Floor, Hartford, CT 06112.

For an online memorial guestbook and a link for the live stream option for her service, please visit www.

potterfuneralhome.com Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

OBITUARIES

Flores, Juana

Juana Flores, 81, of New Britain, passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. She was born in San Lorenzo, PR and was raised in Patillas, PR. Juana was a longtime resident of New Britain.

She is survived by five daughters, Carmen Colon, Midalina Lopez, Mária Ortiz, Migdalia Martinez, and Madeline Vargas; a son, Gerardo Colon; thirteen grandchildren; twenty four great grandchildren; and by four sons-in-law. She was a competitor when it came to playing dominoes. Sewing was her biggest hobby. As we lay her to rest, she will be missed.

They say there is a reason. They say time will heal. But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache. That will lie behind your smile. She will always be in our heart and mind but so hard to be without. Sleep in peace.

Funeral services and calling hours will be held on Tuesday, January 18, from 3-5 PM at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home, 411 So. Main St. New Britain. Entombment will be held privately in St. Mary Cemetery. Please share a memory of Juana with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansen.com

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Moore, William



William Charles Moore "Bill" aka "Papa", 89, of Manchester, CT passed away peacefully on December 29, 2021 at Manchester Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 23, 1932 to the late William C. Moore Sr. and Virginia Cavanaugh Moore, of Hartford.

Bill graduated from Hartford High School, and enlisted in

High School, and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Panama and Wyoming during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in March 1955. He loved to reminisce about the memories made during that time. He worked at the Hartford Insurance Company as a planner in the printing department. After retirement he began a job at Manchester Memorial Hospital as the "TV guy" where everyone knew and loved him. Bill is predeceased by his loving wife and soul mate, Melanie Mascola Moore, and his younger sister Virginia "Miggy" Burgess Bronga

"Miggy" Burgess Bronga.
He is survived by his daughter Lisa Piendel and her husband Sean of Manchester, and his daughter Cindy Moore of Manchester. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Damien and Brooklyn Piendel, whom he cherished and loved so much; his sister Maureen Pallotti of Windsor, along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends, and his beloved cat Keegan.

Bill will always be remembered as a kind, loving man who loved life, laughter and family. He was always there to offer a helping hand when needed.

The family will receive friends from 9:30-10:30 am with Service from 10:30-11:30 am, on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at Manchester Funeral Home, 142 East Center Street, Manchester. Burial with full military honors will follow at East Cemetery in Manchester. To leave a memory or message of condolence, please visit www. manchesterfh.com

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Abetz, Frances



Frances "Frankie" (Lynch) Abetz, 80, of Tolland passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 with her children by her side. She was the loving wife for 51 years to the late William

Abetz, Sr. was born Frankie Hartford and was the daugh-

ter of the late Francis and Frankie graduated from East Hartford High School in 1959, Becker College in 1962, and Eastern Connecticut State University in 1983. She was the supervisor of women's recreation for the town of East Hartford before leaving to raise her family. Frankie retired from the State of Connecticut in 2009 where she worked as a mental health social worker at Hartford Correctional Center. Frankie valued people and experiences. She loved to travel and had friends all over the world. Frankie was a friend to everyone and the life of every party she attended. She had a beautiful heart and brought compassion, humor, and light to this world. Frankie is survived by her brother, Joseph Lynch of

Glastonbury; sister, Jane Zajicek and husband Don of Pompano Beach, FL; children, William Abetz, Jr. and wife Amanda of Spring, TX, and Jennifer Kasek and husband Timothy of South Windsor; "Ammy" will be dearly missed by her grandchildren: Andrew, Ayden, Shawn, William, Samuel, and Jake. She also leaves behind two stepdaughters, Deborah Young of Sarasota, FL, and Susan Miano of Manchester, as well as many wonderful

friends, nieces, nephews, and extended family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Matthew's Church,111 Tolland Green in Tolland on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 10 a.m. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in East Hartford. Cremation Society of Connecticut in Windsor has care of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, an organization Frankie always supported: www.bbbs.org. For online condolences please visit www.cremationct.com

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Loughrey, David K.

David K. Loughrey, 84, of East Longmeadow, formerly of Enfield, CT died on Monday, January 10, 2022. David was born in Holyoke, MA August 29, 1937, to George F. and Madeline (Kiely) Loughrey. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He retired as a Police Officer for the city of Hartford in July of 1988 and then as a State of CT Marshall. He was a parishioner of Holy Family Church. He was a longtime member of the Moose Lodge Number 1545 and the Hillsborough NH American Legion where he gathered to visit friends. David enjoyed boating at the lake cottage in NH and spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his sons David K Loughrey II and his girlfriend Jamie Lavoie; Daniel G. Loughrey and his wife Carol; his daughter-in-law Ann Loughrey; his brother George Loughrey and his wife Barbara; his sister, Joanne Lucey; his grandchildren, Kerry, Katie, Ryan and Adam. He was predeceased by his wife Judith (Beliveau) Loughrey in 2007. Relatives and friends may join the family on Monday, January 17, 2022, from 1 – 3 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. A Funeral Home Service will take place at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you raise a glass of your favorite drink in honor of Dave. For online condolences please visit leetestevens.com

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Bransfield Jr, Joseph Patrick



Joseph Bransfield, Jr., of Waltham, MA, formerly of Portland, CT, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2022, at age 93. He was the loving and proud father of Betsey Rose and her husband Mark of San Diego, CA; Kathleen Bransfield of Mountain View, CA; Joseph "Jay" Patrick Bransfield III of Piedmont, CA;

Bransfield and his wife Cherise of Nantucket, MA; and Patricia Patel and her wife Radha Patel of Oakland, CA. He was the cherished grandfather of Patrick Rose, Andrew Rose, Nicholas Chen, Liu Chen, Sophie Bransfield, Joseph Patrick Bransfield IV, Audrey Bransfield, Amelia Bransfield, Giselle Minshull, and Stuart Minshull. Brother to late siblings John Bransfield, Marie Gole, and Peter Bransfield. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was the former husband of Suzanne (Pepion) Barnett of Haddam CT.

Joe was born in Portland, CT, to Joseph P. Bransfield Sr. and Marguerite Bransfield on June 8, 1928. After graduating from Portland High School, Joe received degrees from UConn (B.S., Zoology), Boston University (MBA) and UConn Law School (J.D.). Joe served in the Korean War from 1951-1953. He worked for Pratt & Whitney for several years while going to law school for 5 years at night. Upon graduation, he set up a law practice in Portland which continued for 45 years. During this time, he had a private practice, served as a public defender in both adult and juvenile court, and also served for a time as the local coroner. In the last also served for a time as the local coroner. In the last few years, he had moved to the Boston Massachusetts area to be closer to family.

Joe took great pride in the success of his kids and his grandkids, as well as his nieces and nephews. He loved to banter and debate with friend and foe alike. He was an avid reader, jazz lover, and a strong supporter of lifelong education for anyone at any level. He loved to sail with family and friends and was a devoted Yankees

A celebration of life will be scheduled in the spring. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Portland, CT. Arrangements by Brown and Hickey Funeral Home, Belmont, MA.

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Fraser, Sarah M.



Sarah M. (Franco) Fraser passed away January 6 on the Eve of her 102nd Birthday at Seal Rock Healthcare in Sáco. Born in the Azores, Portugal to parents Felice and Maria Franco, she was raised in Falmouth, MA.

graduation Upon Bridgewater State College, Sarah began her teaching career in a one room school-

house in Pine Meadow, CT. She and her loving husband David, of 61 years, moved to Canton, CT in 1956 after losing their Pine Meadow home during the flood of '55. Sarah and David enjoyed an active life in retirement golfing and dancing! In her twilight years after his death, Sarah moved to Kennebunk to be near family. There she enjoyed many friendships and had an active life keeping busy with her many hobbies: sewing, knitting, puzzling and reading.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sarah was predeceased by her sister Mary Campbell, and her brothers Jayme, Felice and John Franco. She leaves 3 nieces, Katherine Kenney (Patrick), Karen Murphy (Rick), Margaret Corbett (Hamish), and nephews Jayme, John M.(Suzanne), Larry (Janine), Robert (Ann) and John

Several great and great-great nieces and nephews survive her as well. We will all miss her gentle nature, abounding energy and kind spirit.

A celebration of Sarah's life will be held in CT in the Spring Bibber Memorial is in charge of her arrangements. Those wishing to celebrate Sarah's love of reading may donate in her memory to: Kennebunk Free Library, 112 Main St, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

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please visit Sarah's Book of Memories Page at www. bibberfuneral.com Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel,

67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Phillips, Arthur E



Arthur Elliot Phillips, 92 years of age, of Granby, CT died Friday, January 7, 2022 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Meriden, CT he was the son of Samuel Phillips and Marion (Cohen) Phillips. He joined the Naval reserves after high school and attended Bradley University, graduating in 1951. Upon graduation, he requested ac-

tive military duty (during the Korean War), assigned in Cannes, France as a ship's interpreter and then completing a 14-month tour in Japan. Art ran Phillips' Sportswear for 35 years with his wife Sheila before retiring.

Art was a member of the Kiwanis Club, a driver for the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, helped with many blood drives and was an alternate for the Granby Board of Appeals. He and Sheila were founding members of the Emek-Shalom Temple in Simsbury (now the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation.)

A loving father, grandfather and husband, he leaves his two surviving sons, Dr. Michael S. Phillips and his wife Jacqueline of Mt. Pleasant, SC and James R. Phillips and his wife Danielle of Salisbury, MA; and his grandchildren, John, Jessica, Kaitlyn and Rachel Phillips. He was predeceased by a son, David Scott Phillips, his wife Sheila (Pollack) Phillips, his grandson Jacob Phillips. He spent his last two years with his lady friend, Ella Adamites of Southwick, MA.

Funeral services will be private with interment in the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation-Emek Shalom Memorial Park, Avon, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Westfield YMCA Senior and Children's Services. Arrangements are entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford, CT. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Arthur, please visit online at www.weinsteinmortuary.com/funerals.cfm. Weinstein Mortuary 640 Farmington Avenue Hartford 06105 860-233-2675

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Roy, Joseph Andre Renald "Ray"

Joseph Andre Renald "Ray" Roy of Hartford, CT beloved husband of Marguerite Marie Anne (Dube) Roy died suddenly at home on Sunday, January 9, 2022. He was born in Biddeford, Maine on June 12, 1934 to the late Zepherin and Fresilda (Cyr) Roy and was married to Marguerite for 63 years.

Ray was a communicant of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Hartford, CT and a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, former Grand Knight, as well as several other positions as a Knight of the St Mark Council. He was a member of the Sportsmen Club, All Timers, lifetime member of the French Social Circle Club and the New Park Avenue Senior Center.

Ray worked at Whitney Chain for 30 years in Accessory Control Management and Centerless Grinding Company until retiring. He was an avid Red Sox fan. He loved bowling and was in several duckpin leagues, played horseshoes, pool, cribbage and loved music.

One of 13 children, Ray is survived by his brother Paul of Portland, Maine. He is also survived by his six children Anne Marie Turner (predeceased by her husband Tom) from Brunswick, Maine, Irene Albert and her husband Steve of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, Andre Roy and his wife Lisa of South Glastonbury, CT, Therese Nadeau and her husband Gilles of Plainville, CT, Kathleen Tuohy and her husband Bob of Prospect, CT, Nancy Fortin and her husband Patrick of East Windsor, CT; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister in law Diane Dube of East Windsor, CT, as well as several nieces and nephews

Ray is predeceased by many brothers, sisters, brother and sister in-laws, as well as a grandson, Robby Albert, who he deeply adored.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, January 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 79 New Park Ave, Hartford, CT. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, Ray requests donations be made, in his memory, to the St. Jude Foundation (stjude. org). Online condolences may be made at www. SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Pettee, Richard Barnes



Richard Barnes "Dick" Pettee, 75, of Granby, beloved husband of 43 years to Ann (Brookfield) Pettee passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022, at Hartford Hospital after complications from a heart attack. Dick was born on February 24, 1946, the son of the late Lemuel Gardner Pettee and Noreen (O'Connor) Pettee and raised in Simsbury,

Pettee and raised in Simsbury, CT. A 1964 graduate of Simsbury High School. His time growing up in Simsbury was spent with long hours of playing Basketball and enjoying the outdoors. A 1964 local newspaper article noted, "If you are one of the many who has ventured out to see one of those renowned Trojan basketball games, you surely must remember something special about it. One player should remain affixed in your mind. His number, 5. His name, Dick Pettee. His high school playing days totaled 946 points with a game average of 19." Don't forget, this was before the 3 point shot existed. He was a leading Basketball scorer in the town of Simsbury for years and Basketball scorer in the town of Simsbury for years and was admired by many who noted watching him play was like "Poetry in Motion." Dick went on to attend Bryant College where he played Basketball. During the 1964-65 season, he scored 389 points for an average of 17.7 points per game. He was inducted into the Bryant Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007 as a member of the 1966-67 team. That team won the Naismith Conference Championship with a 20-0 regular season record and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament. They were known to be one of the best small-college teams in the nation. Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army and served for just over 2 years and was stationed in Vietnam for 13 months. Upon returning home, he worked as an accountant and finished his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Hartford. In 1976 he met the love of his life, Ann. They were married on May 26, 1978. They built a beautiful life together in Granby where they shared countless wonderful memories, made lifelong friendships and raised their two children, Christopher and Victoria. Over the years Dick became a staple in the town of Granby; coaching kids sports teams, remaining a dedicated fan of Granby Athletics long after his children graduated high school a frequent Starbucks patron, a man enjoying the fresh air and long walks in town, a St. Therese's parishioner and a Postal Carrier for 20+ years. Dick was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He was his children's biggest supporter, coaching their soccer, basketball and baseball teams and never missed a game. He was a voice of reason and gentle heart filled with love for his wife. He treated his son-in-law like a second son and was a complete blessing in his life after the loss of his Christopher. His grandchildren adored him and we find peace knowing their last words to their Grandpa were, "I Love You, Grandpa". His newest best friend over the past few years was his Granddog, Champ. Whenever the family was together, Dick was on Champ duty - but it was his pleasure, not obligation. They had a special bond. He loved the outdoors and tending to his immaculate yard. He found a way to mow his grass every single day during the summertime for the love of it. He found joy in having gatherings of friends and family at the house and by the pool, always sure to serve his infamous "Pettee Popcorn". He inevitably found a way to find something broken so that he could go fix it and was a man of many trades. He enjoyed his Sudoku puzzles, had a healthy love for competition, always had a snack or chocolate treat in hand and had a deep commitment and love for his family and community. Although much of his retirement was spent at home due to Covid, there is simply no other place he would have rather been than with his wife, who he adored, spending quality time in the home they made their own over the past 43 years. Dick is survived by his wife; Ann Pettee, his daughter; Victoria Pettee McGruder and son in law Richard McGruder Jr., his grandsons; Christopher John and Wesley Barnes, his sister; Joan Siegel, his brother; Daniel Pettee and wife Ellie and cherished nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son; Christopher Barnes Pettee. Funeral Services will be private. The family will be planning a celebration of Dick's life in the Spring. He will be laid to rest next to his beloved son Christopher at Granby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has established the Pettee Foundation in memory of Richard and Christopher Pettee, please visit www.petteefoundation.com to learn more. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the ar-



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Petersen, Jack Douglas



Jack Douglas Petersen, 70, of West Hartford, beloved husof Karen (VanWhy) Petersen passed away peacefully at home with his wife of 47 years beside him on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Born in Hartford, on August 16, 1951, son of the late Frank and Clara (Hansen) Petersen, Jack was a resident of West

Hartford most of his life. He was a graduate of Conard High School and the Hartford State Technical College.

Jack worked for NU-Communications for almost 30 years, where his "boss" became one of his closest friends. Jack was calm and methodical, which served the business well

He enjoyed going up to his cabin in the woods of New Hampshire, the aptly named Hippie Club, where he and his brother and a group of regulars have been going since the 60's. They were weekends of calm, maintenance, beer, and cards. His wife, Karen always marveled at his ability to build almost anything. marveled at his ability to build almost anything.

Jack's sense of humor was dry, wicked, and sometimes unexpected, which one friend would vouch for. She was afraid of clowns, and she would occasionally receive texted photos of scary clowns from him.

Jack was a member of the Hartford Obedience Training Club for over 25 years. He was the longest - standing president in its 84-year history. He had many good friends in the club that were very dear to him.

He and his beloved dog, Zoey, were very active in the Greater Boston Area Earthdog Club and was on the board of directors. Both loved the competitions, to the extent his license plate read "GOT RATS". In recent years he became an AKC earthdog judge.

Of special pleasure to Jack, his wife and Zoey were the regular outings with the Northeast Bull Terrier Playgroup, when he and Zoey got to participate in earthdog and barn hunts. The outings were most special because of the many friends we had there.

Jack was a member of the Sports Car Club of America for 41 years, starting as crew for a racing friend. He liked to target shoot, belonging to various gun clubs over the years and was a past member of the Charter Oak Photographic Society, serving on its board. He would enter the monthly photo competitions, earning more and more ribbons as his photography skills grew.

Whenever things seemed bad, he would always say "You can't keep a good Dane down".

He deserved more time.

Besides his wife, Jack leaves his brother, Gary Petersen and his wife Joan of West Hartford; a sister Billie Souney and her husband Paul of Kennett Square, PA; nephews, Jared Souney of Portland, OR and Jeremy Souney of VT; several cousins and many friends.

A Celebration of Life honoring Jack will take place in the Spring. Donations in Jack's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Plant, Dorothy (Hirschberger)



Born May 22, 1927, deceased January 11, 2022. Beloved wife, mother and "Bubbe". Preceded in death by her parents George and Clara Hirschberger, her husband Mark, and younger daughter Michele. Survived by her brother Leonard Hirschberger, older daughter Andrea

Carrubba, granddaughter
Jessica (Michael) Rizzo, and
grandson Matthew (Amanda) Carrubba. Also celebrating her are her two precious great-grandaughters Suri and Maisie Rizzo. Although primarily a housewife she did clerical work for Hamden Public Schools and was a receptionist at The Hartford. Burial is at Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation Memorial Park on Friday. Zoom Shiva will be observed on Sunday, January 16. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be made St. Jude or the ASPCA

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Hooey, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Hooey, 78 passed away, peacefully, while a resident of Woodlake at Tolland on December 19, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Hooey, of East Hartford. Also, her son, Michael Keaveney, of New Britain. Patricia leaves behind a son, Daniel Keaveney, and his partner, Carolyn Mead, both of Wethersfield. Pat also leaves behind her daughter, Maureen Troia, and her husband, Richard, both of Vernon. Also, Theresa McEvoy, and her husband, Andrew, of Little Falls, N.Y. And her two grandsons, Matthew Langley, of Hartford, and Michael Langley, of Vernon. And their children, Macenzie Langley, of Brooklyn, CT. and Matthew Cyr-Langley, of Vernon. Calling hours for Patricia will be held Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www. NewkirkandWhitney.com for the Hooey family. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made in Patricia's honor, to Cornerstone Foundation, in Vernon,

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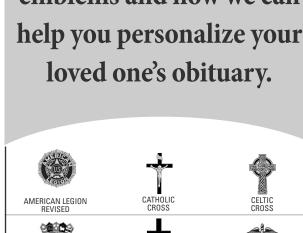
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Solutions sought as traffic deaths mount

With fatalities at highest level in state history, top lawmakers meet with state police commissioner

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - With traffic fatalities reaching a record high, top legislators on Thursday pledged to work with the state police commissioner during the upcoming legislative session to make state highways safer.

A major concern among state officials is that traffic deaths increased in 2021 to 326, which is the highest total since the state

started keeping comprehensive records on an annual basis in 1994. That compares to 301 deaths in 2020 and 250 in 2019.

At a time of low morale and below-normal staffing, traffic enforcement by the state police dropped by more than half during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite vehicles driving faster, enforcement fell sharply in several major categories, including total stops, tickets issued, and warnings given to drivers.

"People have been driving too fast over the last couple of years with COVID because we had less people on the roads," said Sen. Cathy Osten, a Sprague Democrat who co-chairs the public safety and appropriations committees. "Now, they're still driving as fast, even though we have more people on the roads."

Both the state police brass and the troopers' union have cited low staffing as a reason for fewer patrols on the highways and fewer traffic stops. The total of troopers peaked at 1,283 under Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell about 15 years ago, and the number has dropped below 900 at times due to retirements before going back up to about 970. Currently, 65 troopers are being trained at the police academy and expect to graduate in the spring. "We know that we need more

troopers," Osten said in an interview. "That's why we've been paying for these classes [of new troopers] over the last four years." Osten said Thursday's meeting

was a regular, pre-session meeting with state police commissioner James C. Rovella to determine how the legislature can help during the upcoming session that starts on February 9. State police declined to comment after the meeting.

Traffic cameras under discus**sion:** Traffic stops by state troopers peaked most recently in 2014 with nearly 235,000 stops, according to statistics from the Institute of Municipal and Regional Policy at UConn in Hartford. That total fell to 157,007 in 2019 and then 75,988 in 2020 — the year that the ongoing pandemic started. The total increased to nearly 112,000 for the first 11 months of 2021 as the state was recovering from the pandemic and beginning to return to normal.

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Hartford names 1st inspector general

Will investigate police misconduct as part of civilian review board

By Kaitlin McCallum

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Hartford named a former assistant United States attorney as the city's first inspector general for the Civilian Police Review Board Thursday.

Liam Brennan, who serves as executive director of the



Brennan

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center and is a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School, is tasked with investigating police use of force and civilian complaints of police miscon-

newly created position. "Liam Brennan is an immensely qualified, capable, and respected attorney, and we are lucky to have him as the first inspector general for the Civilian Police Review Board," said Mayor Luke Bronin in a release. "We interviewed a number of candidates, and the selection committee found that Mr. Brennan's breadth of experience and passion for justice and accountability make him the perfect candidate for this position. He will be an important asset in supporting the Civilian Police Review Board's mission to ensure accountability and transparency, as well as a fair and thorough process, both for our community

duct, among other duties, in the

and for our police officers." Brennan, who led the Federal Public Corruption Taskforce from 2015 to 2018, said he was honored to serve in the role where he will oversee and act as a neutral review to police department internal investigations

"Criminal justice reform is one of the most pressing issues of our time and law enforcement

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A south-facing aerial view over Bristol shows a section of a lot north of Riverside Avenue and North Main Street, where Wheeler Clinic was looking to build a medical office and relocate its headquarters. The plan fell through after a new city council was elected in November. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Wheeler hope for Bristol new HQ plan by mid-Feb.

Deal for clinic to set up shop downtown was voted down by new council

By Don Stacom Hartford Courant

BRISTOL - A month after an unexpected vote scuttled Bristol's plan to bring Wheeler Clinic's headquarters downtown, the city is looking to come up with a replacement proposal by next month.

"We're working with Wheeler on options other than Centre

Square — or perhaps going back to the drawing board on Centre Square," Mayor Jeff Caggiano said

Thursday afternoon. "They're remarkably motivated, and they've been dedicated to Bristol," Caggiano said. "We've got to do something. We'd like to

be ready to go next month." Sabrina Trocchi, Wheeler's president and chief executive officer, said Thursday that her agency is working on the same timetable.

'We remain fully committed to Bristol and the Bristol community," Trocchi said. "But we really need to make our decision by mid-February."

Caggiano and Justin Malley, the city's economic development director, have been talking weekly with Wheeler's management since Dec. 14, when the newly elected city council abruptly

rejected a deal that had been in negotiations for more than six

Wheeler was proposing to buy the last remaining parcel at the city-owned Bristol Centre Square property and construct a three-story, 30,000-square-foot headquarters and medical office complex.

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- Bristol Mayor Jeff Caggiano

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Study urges booster expansion

Doubling the nation's delivery rate could save 41,000 lives by May

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

If the United States immediately doubles the pace of its delivery of COVID-19 booster shots, 41,000 deaths and nearly half a million hospitalizations could be prevented by May, according to a new study from researchers at the Yale School of Public Health, York University and The Commonwealth Fund.

Nationwide, the omicron variant of COVID-19 has driven significant spikes in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. While the variant often produces mild symptoms in those who are vaccinated, rising hospitalizations have severely strained hospital systems.

"The surge demands an immediate policy and public health



Jared Freeman receives a COVID-19 booster from paramedic Chris Prue during a vaccination clinic in Vernon. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

response to 'flatten the curves' of hospitalizations and deaths," the team of researchers from Yale. York and The Commonwealth Fund urged in a presentation of

their findings. Stressing the need to rapidly

stop the transmission of the virus, the researchers noted that travel restrictions and the closures of businesses and schools would be effective but disruptive.

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Another extension for gov.'s special powers?

Lamont cites need for quick response, but GOP pushes back: 'We are the voice of the people'

Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont and Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney on Wednesday left open

the possibility the governor's emergency powers may be extended under narrow circumstances as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The Democratic gover-

nor's civil preparedness and public health emergency declarations, which

have been extended multiple times since March 2020, are set to expire Feb. 15. "I think there's a narrow group of things, going forward, where it

would be helpful for us to have a

little agility to be able to move fast,"

Lamont

a list of roughly 10 to 12 of the remaining COVID-re-

said Lamont, referring to tasks

such as having to quickly purchase

his chief legal counsel is preparing

Meanwhile, the governor said,

hard-to-get test kits.

lated executive orders that state legislators should consider extending.

"I'd like to think the legislature will have the opportunity to vote on them or otherwise," Lamont said.

Looney, also a Democrat, said he can foresee the General Assembly taking up some COVID-related matters and the governor handling more immediate ones. Legislators return to the Capitol on Feb. 9.

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Brazen thefts spark search in West Hartford

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

West Hartford police are asking for the public's help in solving two brazen, daylight makeup counter thefts by a group of garbage bag-toting thieves.

The men struck Macys and Ulta Tuesday afternoon, filling their large bags with thousands of dollars worth of fragrances and fleeing in a dark gray Toyota Highlander, police said. In

one of the thefts, a robber implied he had a gun; no one was injured.

Police said they believe the group pulled off a similar theft at a Waterbury Ulta makeup store before the West Hartford heists.

The first West Hartford theft involved four thieves and happened about 3:45 p.m. at the Westfarms mall Macy's. The thieves walked behind the makeup counter and filled black garbage bags with merchandise,

mostly fragrances, Capt. Eric Rocheleau said. Three of the four were wearing

One struggled with a loss prevention officer and reached for his waistband as if he was about to pull out a gun, police said. The officer backed off and the four fled.

Minutes later, the Ulta at 1555 New Britain Ave. reported that three suspects came into the store with garbage bags and stole a large amount of fragrances before leaving in a Highlander, police said.

In all, several thousand dollars worth of fragrance products were stolen, Rocheleau said.

Anyone with information about the thieves or getaway car is asked to call West Hartford police at 860-523-5203.

Christine Dempsey may be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.



Surveillance video footage shows four thieves who police say stole fragrances from two stores in West Hartford. **COURTESY**

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"I agree with the governor that there may be certain areas where it is absolutely essential to enable a quick response in crisis that only the executive can do by issuing an executive order pursuant to emergency powers," Looney said.
"There are other areas where I think the legislature can appropriately enact statutes."

Republican lawmakers, the minority party in the General Assembly, have been critical about the emergency declarations still remaining in place, arguing that legislators, not just the governor, should be making many of the remaining COVID-related decisions at this point in the pandemic.

"The Connecticut legislature has been relegated to sit at the 'Baby Table' for far too long," said Sen. John Kissel, R-Enfield, in a statement. "We are the voice of the people. Our voice must be heard."

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Expanding the country's booster coverage, however, might prove more feasible.

According to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 40.6% of Americans at least 18 years old and 61.3% of those at least 65 years old have received a booster shot, as of Thursday. In Connecticut, the numbers are somewhat higher: 47.1% of state residents at least 18 years old and 69.3% of those at least 65 years old have received a booster shot.

But further increasing those rates could save tens of thousands of lives, according to the study.

The study, released last week, hinges on a simulation model projecting the impact that accelerating the rate of booster coverage would have on the nation's number of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths,

between January and the end of April.

If America maintains the pace of booster delivery it had in December – 770,000 booster doses administered per day — the country will see an additional 210,000 COVID-19 deaths, nearly 1.7 million hospitalizations and roughly 110 million additional infections by May, according to the study.

Immediately doubling December's daily booster vaccination rate would save approximately 41,000 lives, prevent more than 400,000 hospitalizations and avert more than 14 million infections, the researchers found.

Tripling that vaccination rate to 2.3 million booster shots administered per day would avert 63,000 deaths, nearly 600,000 hospitalizations and 21 million infections by the end of April.

Preventing those hospitalizations could have a significant impact on the nation's hospital capac-

ity, which has become stretched thin, according to the study.

Tripling the rate of booster shot administration could reduce projected COVID-19 hospitalizations by more than 35% — and deaths by nearly 30% — in the next four months.

While dramatically increasing the nation's delivery of booster doses may seem unlikely, the researchers emphasize that it is feasible, pointing to the White House's renewed efforts to increase vaccination rates nationwide.

"A booster vaccination is effective at reversing an individual's waning immunity in a matter of days," they wrote. "As Omicron spreads, our findings highlight the urgent need to administer boosters as quickly as possible to everyone who is eligible."

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accountability is a central part of any reform effort," Brennan said. "The work that Hartford has done in strengthening its CPRB and launching the inspector general position puts it at the leading edge of building a more just society."

The position was created following the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of police as protesters filled the streets and called for reforms.

"The CPRB is an important asset toward creating a police department that is responsive to the residents of Hartford, and I am glad that we have found a capable inspector general to promote that cause in Liam Brennan," said Council President Maly Rosado. "He is knowledgeable and cares deeply about serving the community, so we have full faith in his ability."

Rosado also thanked Beth Merkin, a career public Judicial District, who had served as interim inspector general as the city conducted an eight-month search for a permanent candidate. The city passed signifi-

defender in the New Haven

The city passed significant reforms to strengthen the board's authority, including giving it subpoena power and ensuring that is findings are more than advisory, a rarity among the state's civilian police review boards.

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Traffic

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Lawmakers noted the sharp uptick in traffic enforcement at the end of 2021 after reaching the bottom last year due to the pandemic.

"We know COVID had a lot to do with that because there was a directive for police to engage less to protect themselves and the public from communicating the disease," said Rep. Maria Horn, a Litchfield County Democrat who co-chairs the committee. "I'm glad to see that the stops are going back up significantly from 2020."

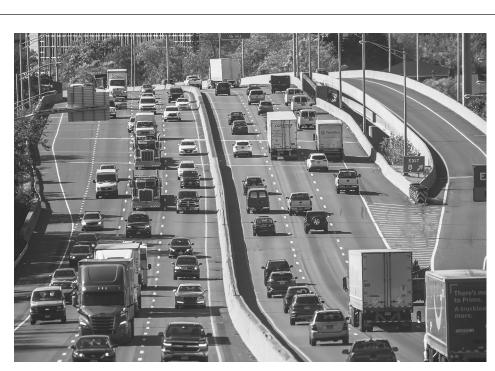
Saying that enforcement is a complicated issue, Horn said that one of the answers might be speed cameras that are expected later this year on a trial basis in work zones on highways in Connecticut. But Horn, a former federal prosecutor in New York, added that more conversation is needed because some have concerns about "privacy and government overreach."

Of the cameras, Horn added, "They're very fair. You don't get out of it

because you know somebody. Everybody gets the same ticket. To make it work, in terms of deterrence, it can't just be one or two cameras in remote places. People need to understand that they may not see a police car, but they may see a camera. I think you need that to get to deterrence, and we're far from that"

we're far from that." For years, state lawmakers have rejected the concept of "red light" cameras that have been installed on Long Island and other places where drivers receive a ticket for running a red light. The highway cameras are slightly different because they do not involve traffic intersections. Some lawmakers and advocates have objected to the concept of "Big Brother" as government is watching the movements of citizens.

Retirements coming: Citing low morale, state Rep. Greg Howard said that some police officers had fallen into "a slump" that led to decreased traffic enforcement at a time of high criticism of the police following the death of George Floyd while handcuffed in police



Top Connecticut legislators pledged to work with the state police commissioner Thursday to improve traffic enforcement on state highways. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

custody in Minneapolis. Many officers, he said, were also concerned about the police accountability bill that was passed by the Connecticut legislature on a mostly party-line basis with Democrats in favor and Republicans and police unions against.

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"They don't have much

motivation because of the [anti-police] rhetoric and the police bill," said Howard, a Stonington Republican. "It is the police bill, but it's not just the police bill."

Howard said it is indisputable the police enforcement can lead to fewer deaths on the highways.

"The more policing you have on the roads, the less traffic violations you're going to have," said Howard, a Stonington police officer for the past 20 years. "People who deny that — I don't know what to say to them. If there's more cops out doing traffic enforcement, we know fatalities go down.

That's a known."

The staffing issues will be exacerbated because an estimated 276 troopers will be eligible to retire by July 1, 2022 – when changes in the cost-of-living adjustments in state pensions could prompt a large number of retirements. Attrition at the younger levels is an issue, too. State police made 127 offers last year to candidates, leading to 120 starting in the academy, officials said. But only 83 graduated because many dropped out due to the rigorous training process.

Besides the number of total stops, the latest statistics show that stops with

tickets issued also dropped by more than 50% from 105,000 in 2019 to slightly more than 45,000 in 2020. Tickets dropped further again to 27,596 for the first 10 months of this year. Stops with warnings from troopers fell from 2019 to 2020, but then rebounded in the first 10 months this year at more than 27,000 warnings, surpassing all of 2020.

For both state and local police, the combined number of stops statewide dropped from 512,000 in 2019 to about 188,000 in 2021.

State transportation commissioner Joseph Giulietti described the increased fatalities as "a real crisis" as the numbers continued to rise late last

"If you think it seems more dangerous out on Connecticut's highways and interstates lately, you're right," Giulietti said. "It is a real crisis. It's happening here and it's happening across the country. We are seeing an unprecedented increase in fatalities."

He added, "Combined with the speed and aggressive driving patterns since the start of the pandemic, we are pleading with Connecticut drivers to be more vigilant than ever. We need to do everything we can to stop this trend."

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Wheeler

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The idea was to merge its counseling and medical facilities, which are at two separate leased locations downtown, and relocate its Plainville headquarters at the same time.

Then-Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, a Democrat, and her all-Democratic council had been advancing the deal since last spring. They argued it would bring about 200 jobs into the heart of downtown while filling out the long-delayed Bristol Center Square project.

But voters in November brought in Caggiano and an all-Republican council, which almost immediately made a splash by voting down the sales agreement 5-2. Caggiano and council member Sebastian Panioto were the only votes in favor of the deal.

The five councilors voting "no" all said that Wheeler, a non-profit community health organization, isn't the right fit for a location where taxpayers want

restaurants, shops and entertainment venues.

At the time, Panioto countered that the pandemic has driven up the demand for mental health services, which Wheeler provides. He and Caggiano also argued that Wheeler was fully ready to begin construction — a better prospect for the city than going through the job of

marketing the land again.

Bristol has struggled to attract developers for the property, which has mostly been a massive and unattractive parking lot since the city bought the dying Bristol Centre Mall in 2005 and demolished it three years

The city tried to redevelop the 15-acre lot all at once, but spent years unsuccessfully trying to bring in developers who could secure financing.

secure financing.

Municipal leaders several years ago switched to the approach of selling off individual parcels. Bristol Hospital's medical center is the only new private construction on the land since then, but several builders and investors have

committed to projects.

Pedestrian traffic in the city's center has been dwindling for decades, and the Bristol Centre Square project has been seen as a mix of apartments, retailers and restaurants that could rebuild energy there. Restaurants and service businesses have opened along surrounding streets in hopes of a downtown revitalization.

Some, such as the Barley Vine craft brewery, didn't survive; it was replaced by the Main Street Pint and Plate restaurant, however, which has thrived.

Better Half Brewing opened in 2019, but closed at the start of January citing the pressures of the pandemic.

Caggiano remains confident that new construction will reinvigorate the area. Wheeler, for instance, was expected to bring 200 jobs, and Caggiano said his administration is reviewing a number of options with the agency to consolidate in the city

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Hamden cop guilty in traffic stop shooting

Faces prison for firing on car 13 times; injured woman says 'it was like being in a nightmare'

By Edmund H. Mahony Hartford Courant

A Hamden police officer was found guilty Thursday and faces 18 months in prison for firing 13 times on a car and injuring a woman passenger in what state prosecutors later concluded was

an unjustified shooting. Officer Devin Eaton pleaded no contest in Superior Court to a charge of first-degree assault for the April 2019 shooting in New Haven. Under his plea bargain agreement with state prosecutors, Eaton will be given a fiveyear sentence, suspended after 18 months, and three years of probation. He has the right to argue for leniency when he returns to court for sentencing on April 8.

With a no contest plea, Eaton, 32, neither accepts nor denies responsibility for the shooting, but agrees to accept sentencing. It has the same effect as a guilty plea, but cannot be used against him should he be sued civilly for the shooting.

The shooting took place during a traffic stop at about 4:30 a.m. on April 16, 2019 on Argyle Street near Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. Eaton and Yale Police Officer Terrance Pollock stopped a red Honda Civic following reports from dispatchers that the car was involved in an armed robbery, possibly with a gun, at a gas station in Hamden. The car was driven



by Paul Witherspoon and Stephanie Washington was his passenger.

Eaton charged after a lengthy, use of force investigation by the New Haven State's

Attorney and the Connecticut State Police. The investigation report cleared Pollack of "any criminal wrongdoing." It concluded that Pollock fired three times at the red Honda, but didn't hit anything, The report also said that Pollock suffered a minor graze wound from one of Eaton's shots and that Eaton also hit Pollock's police car.

The shooting appeared to have started based on the mistaken belief that Witherspoon "displayed a firearm" while following the commands of the officers to get out of his car during the traffic stop.

"It was subsequently determined that, at the time of the shooting, neither Witherspoon nor Washington were in possession of a firearm," the report said. "Stephanie Washington was struck by gunfire as a result of Eaton's actions and was treated at Yale New Haven Hospital for serious but non-life threatening injuries. Witherspoon did not sustain any injuries.'

The report said Eaton began firing after Witherspoon got out of the car with his hands up. Several shots were directed seconds later at the passenger side of the car, where Washington was sitting.

Washington told investigators that she thought she was going to die.

"I was trying to take cover from the gunshots, so I was leaning in between the driver and passenger seats, towards the back seat," she said, according to the report. "It was like being in a nightmare. I thought I was going to die. As the gunfire was going on, I started to feel a tingling, burning pain and numbness in my legs, looked down and saw blood and glass, and I remember thinking that I was shot."

Hamden tried to fire Eaton from the force following the shooting, but was prevented from doing so after the police union obtained a court order blocking the dismissal until after the conclusion of the criminal case.

Under his plea agreement, Eaton promises to never again attempt to become a police officer.



This fire in Vernon in March of last year has been featured on an episode of the national TV show "Hearts of Heroes." DAVE OWENS/COURTESY

'When disaster strikes'

Dramatic fire rescue in Vernon featured on 'Hearts of Heroes' TV show

By Christopher Arnott Hartford Courant

HARTFORD – The rescue of two people from a burning building in Vernon on March 29, 2021, is remembered for the heroic community spirit it inspired in the latest episode of the national TV program "Hearts of Heroes."

"We are humbled and honored to be able to tell this story about our community coming together, neighbors helping neighbors, says Vernon Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro, who was at the scene of the fire and appears in the "Hearts of Heroes" program.

'Hearts of Heroes" airs on the ABC network, including on local cable systems and Connecticut affiliate WTNH (which broadcast it Sunday). The full episode can also be found on YouTube.

The episode is titled "Five Alarm Fighters," but technically the blaze at 80-82 Union St. was not a five-alarm fire. However, Purcaro says, "it was so massive that it did require mutual aid from surrounding towns," including Tolland and Ellington. Numerous non-firefighters in the area also pitched in.

"The fire spread quickly through an apartment building, which was an older construction and didn't have the same code requirements as buildings do today," Purcaro says. "The fire was dangerous, intimidating, due to the atmospheric conditions that day, the smoke stayed low. There was a lot of smoke."

That's clear from the images on "Hearts of Heroes," taken from body cameras and bystanders.

Purcaro says "Hearts of Heroes" producers got in touch with the town a few months ago after they had seen news clippings about the fire. The show's co-host, Sheldon Yellen, and a camera crew came to town. Besides actual footage of the fire taken by Vernon's communications specialist David Owens, the "Five Alarm Fighters" shows images of Vernon parks and lakes while co-host Ginger describes the townsfolk as "sharing a deep sense of pride and civic responsibility," stressing that the town has a volunteer fire department and introducing viewers to Kevin Bowman, whose family has included four generations of volunteer

The segment brings together numerous details about how a small town worked together to suppress a disaster. There was only one person at the nearest firehouse, and he learned of the fire first from his barber, who'd seen it and called immedi-

Former firefighter Brett Rinehart, a nurse and paramedic at Rockville General Hospital, talks on the show about how he was looking out an office window and noticed the fire. Rinehart instinctively

responded as a first responder might,

including calling 911.

"We literally had firefighters put themselves at risk to help others," Purcaro says. Some of the responders were unable to put on protective gear when they grabbed a ladder to help those trapped inside the building. Others, including police officers and an Air National Guardsman who lived next door to the burning building, had no prior firefighting experience. Purcaro himself, a former volunteer firefighter who is now in charge of emergency management for the town, was among those at the scene. He recalls how Allison Lawrence, a Vernon police officer, "never flinched once" as she stood holding a ladder while "hot embers were falling on our heads, pane glass was

falling around us." Dozens were evacuated from the burning apartment building. "Hearts of Heroes" focuses on people trapped on the third floor. "The fire was in the room with them," Purcaro says. "They would have perished if they were not rescued."

'So many things worked out," Purcaro says. "I've worked federal disasters and can give an expert view. When disaster strikes, people don't always run to help. The way people answered the call to help, that was

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Friends of Keney Park gets \$215,000

Grant from Hartford Foundation will help hire executive director

By Rick Green

Hartford Courant

A \$215,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will enable the Friends of Keney Park to hire an executive director for the first time.

'We are so pleased that the Hartford Foundation has acknowledged our vision for Keney Park through this grant award," said Miriam Roane, co-vice chair of Friends of Keney Park's Board of Directors. "This grant will support our efforts to ensure that residents, holders and partners will be able to enjoy the great quality of life and benefits that the Park offers."

Located in Hartford's North End, Keney Park is the city's largest park and includes playing fields, woods, a golf course and meadows. Created in 1896 and with nearly 700 acres, it is one of the largest municipal parks in New England. The park is built on land given to the city by Henry Keney, a wealthy grocery wholesaler, in 1893. It was designed by the renowned firm of Olmsted, Olmsted, & Eliot.

The incredible volunteers at Friends of Keney Park have accomplished a great deal over the past several decades to build partnerships, raise resources and improve Keney Park for the enjoyment of Hartford residents," said Hartford **Foundation Senior Community** Impact Officer Erika Frank. "The Foundation is pleased to provide this grant which will give the organization additional capacity to take on high impact projects."

Over the next three years the Friends of Keney Park says it will work to increase the number of residents utilizing the park, promote volunteerism in park projects, increase investment in the park, and increase engagement with park stakeholders.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding towns. The foundation has awarded grants of more than \$849 million since its founding in 1925.

Ex-hedge fund CEO enters topsy-turvy Pa. Senate GOP race

Former Bridgewater chief will challenge Dr. Oz in May primary

By Marc Levy Associated Press

After several months of positioning himself to run, former Bridgewater Associates CEO David McCormick is entering Pennsylvania's campaign for U.S. Senate, bringing a glittering resume and high-level connections across government, finance and politics to a topsy-turvy GOP primary field in one of the nation's premier

McCormick, 56, has the support of various state party stalwarts and veterans of former President Donald Trump's administration advising his campaign in a bellwether-state contest that is expected to help determine control of the U.S. Senate.

He boasts a resume that checks

practically every box a politician might want to brag about: He grew up on a farm, graduated from West Point, fought in the Gulf War, got a doctorate from Princeton University, served in senior positions in former President George W. Bush's administration and reached the pinnacle of business success as a Wall Street CEO.

McCormick just left his job as CEO of Bridgewater Associates, one of the world's largest hedge funds, based in Westport. To run, he moved from Connecticut – where he's lived since 2009 - and bought a house in Pittsburgh's East

In a brief interview Wednesday afternoon, McCormick signaled he would target Biden's economic and foreign policies, as well as left-wing 'woke" culture. He was roused to run by the U.S. exit from Afghanistan, which he called a "real demonstration of incompetence and a lack of accountability for the Biden administration."

It was "emblematic of a march of wokeness and weakness that's really threatening our country. And I think it's chipping away at our values, chipping away at our

vitality," McCormick said. The Republican primary field is in upheaval with the exit of the Trump-endorsed candidate, Sean Parnell, creating a vacuum still being filled by new candidates. The seat is open with the departure of retiring two-term Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey.

The primary is May 17.

Winning it is no slam dunk for McCormick.

He is one of three wealthy, connected candidates - including Mehmet Oz, the heart surgeon who carries unrivaled name recognition as the host of daytime TV's "The Dr. Oz Show" — moving from blue states to run in decidedly purple Pennsylvania. That is raising carpetbaggery cries from GOP primary rivals.

McCormick's backers tiptoe

around that by stressing his growing up in Pennsylvania, graduating from high school in Bloomsburg where he still owns a family Christmas tree farm, and spending about a decade in business in Pittsburgh, where he ran online auction house FreeMarkets Inc.

Some Republicans know McCormick through his father, who was the first chancellor of the state university system under then-Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

McCormick could run for U.S. Senate this year in solidly blue Connecticut, but he rebuffed any suggestion he's "coming back" to Pennsylvania.

"Well, for me, I'm not coming back," McCormick said. "Pennsylvania's been my home for more than half my life. My family's in Pennsylvania. Many of my friends are in Pennsylvania. I'm a seventh generation Pennsylvanian, so I feel like Pennsylvania is my home. And Pennsylvania's the place where I've had the most formative life

Rivals are also targeting McCormick over Bridgewater's hefty investments in China, suggesting that he would be soft on a formidable U.S. adversary.

Still, investing in fast-growing China is par for the course for big, diversified hedge funds, and Bridgewater is invested in so many different markets that its China assets are but a fraction.

McCormick said experience with China, both in government and in finance, is an asset in dealing with an existential challenge that risks the United States' economic and national security, as well as global stability.

"Those experiences are exactly what you would want in somebody that was going to serve in the Senate and be in a position to help navigate this incredible challenge with national security expertise, economic expertise and a track record of being tough-minded," McCormick said.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Helen B. Malone, Late of Chester, AKA Helen Bosshard (21-0796)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated January 10, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Lawrence John Malone c/o ERIC MATTHEW JANNEY, BLOCK JANNEY & SISLEY LLC, 12 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, MYSTIC PACKER BUILDING, MYSTIC, CT 06355

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A certified list of Republican partyendorsed candidates for the Town of Bristol for election as Members of the Bristol for election as Members of the Town Committee At-Large is on file in my office, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut and copies are available for public distribution. The number of Town Committee Members to be elected, under party rules is 42.

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the municipality) are filed in accordance with Sec. 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the General Statutes by persons other than party-endorsed candidates not later than party-endorsed candidates not later than 4:00 p.m. of January 26, 2022, provided the number of such candidacies plus the number of endorsed candidates, exceeds the number of Town Committee members to be elected. (If the number of opposing candidacies filed is reduced to less than such 25%, no primary will be held.) Petition forms, instructions, and information concerning the procedure. information concerning the procedure for filing opposing candidacies, may be obtained from Sharon Krawiecki Republican Registrar of Voters, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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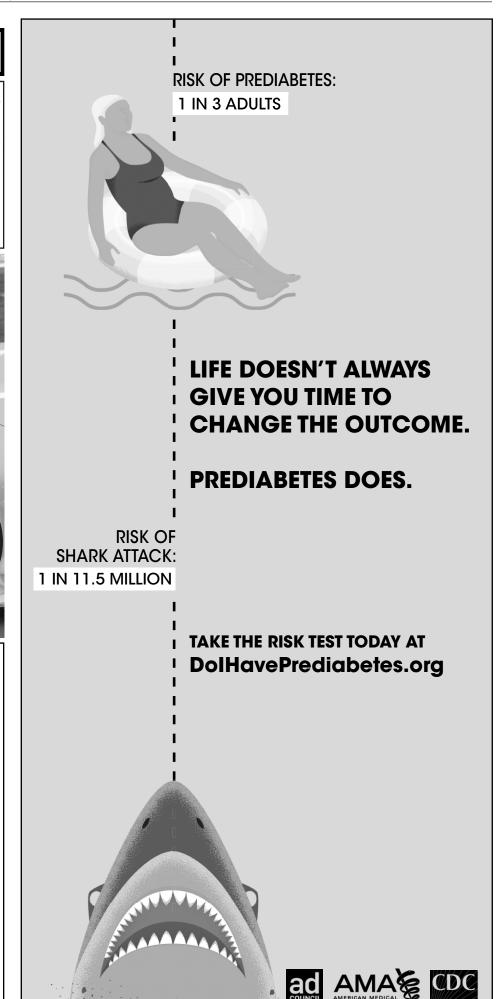
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Affleck done worrying what other people think

In less splashy roles, he delivers strongest acting work in years

By Josh Rottenberg Los Angeles Times

Ben Affleck will turn 50 this year. It's not surprising that a movie star would approach such a milestone with a certain degree of self-reflection, if not dread. But after a tumultuous decade in his career and his personal life — marked by great highs, including his 2013 best picture win for "Argo," which he directed, and deep lows, including his divorce from actor Jennifer Garner, with whom he has three children, and his public struggles with alcoholism – Affleck says he is at peace

"The common thread I've found from the people I know who've turned 50 who are the happiest is that they've stopped worrying so much about what other people think," he said. "I think that's the gift of that age. When you hit 30, you think, 'Now I've figured it out,' then you hit 40 and you're like, 'I had no idea.' Now, when I think about being in my 20s, I wonder, 'How was my brain distinguishable from a gorilla's at

these days.

that age?'" Feeling wrung out after his run as Batman in 2016's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and 2017's "Justice League," Affleck has focused in the last few years on less splashy and more character-driven roles, delivering some of his strongest acting work in years. In 2020, he had a well-received turn as an alcoholic high school basketball coach in the drama "The Way Back." He earned positive reviews in the fall for his against-type performance as a pompous,



Actor Ben Affleck arrives at the premiere of "The Tender Bar" on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

lascivious count in Ridley Scott's period drama "The Last Duel."

Now, Affleck is co-starring in George Clooney's drama "The Tender Bar" as a bookish, working-class bartender who becomes a father figure to his nephew, played by Tye Sheridan. Though "The Tender Bar," now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, has drawn mixed reviews, critics have praised Affleck's understated performance, for which he earned a Golden Globe supporting actor nomination.

This interview with Affleck has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: You said recently that it's only in the last few years that you've felt comfortable as an actor. What shifted?

A: My whole career, I've loved acting. But I kind of got to a place where I realized I needed to really define and stick to what my standards were for what I wanted to do and not be drawn into what everyone else thinks. I think it's a paradox that the more you focus on actually trying to do what you think is interesting and what you want to do rather than what other people say — the better your work is and the more relaxed you get. I mean, "The Last Duel" came out and every article was like, "It made no money." And I really loved the movie, and I liked what I did in it. I was disappointed more

people didn't see it, but I can't chase what's going to be cool. I'm happy with it. I'm not preoccupied with notions of success or failure about money or commercial success, because those things really corrupt your choices. Then what happens is the movies are less interesting and you're less good.

Q: In 2016, I interviewed you three times ... and I got the sense that you were under a lot of pressure. Shortly after that, you dropped out of directing and starring in "The Batman" and sought treatment for your drinking. Was that when your priorities changed?

A: Directing "Batman"

is a good example. I looked at it and thought, "I'm not going to be happy doing this. The person who does this should love it." You're supposed to always want these things, and I probably would have loved doing it at 32 or something. But it was the point where I started to realize it's not worth it. It's just a wonderful benefit of reorienting and recalibrating your priorities that once it started being more about the experience, I felt more at ease. It was really "Justice League" that was the nadir for me. That was a bad experience because of a confluence of things: my own life, my divorce, being away too much, the competing agendas and then (director) Zack (Snyder)'s personal tragedy (Snyder's daughter Autumn died by suicide in 2017) and the reshooting. ... It was everything that I didn't like about this. That became the moment where I said. "I'm not doing this anymore." It's not even about, like, "Justice League" was so bad. Because it could have been anything.

Q: All celebrities go through ups and downs, but there's a perception that your highs and lows have been more extreme than most. Does it feel that way to you?

A: I agree. I'm a little wary of saying so, because I think, "Is this going to smack of being self-pity-ing?" I have definitely had big ups and downs. I don't know that it's any more difficult than the average person. ... I think when I was young, people saw me as somebody who had too much or was successful too easily or looked like some kind of cavalier, insincere, callow frat guy. That was nothing like how I felt. I felt like this sort of insecure, anxious, overly verbal kid

from Boston who had tried to break into this business and was dealing with his own stuff. But there is an interesting thing about how we come off versus who we are. ... I got to a place where (the public perception) was so different from who I am that I just stopped reading and stopped caring. But then, as my kids got older and started seeing the internet themselves, that's the difficult part. Even the "Sad Affleck" meme — that was funny to me. ... But then my kids see it, and I think, "Oh, are they going to think their dad is fundamentally sad or they have to worry about me?" That's really tough.

Q: It seems like when you've had difficulties in your personal life, people have often rallied around your rebound. Does it feel that way to you?

A: That's common to all storytelling: The whole architecture of the threeact narrative is you start off a story with somebody. throw rocks at them for two acts until it seems like they can't possibly make it, and then have them succeed. And there are times my life has at least externally looked like that. There is something about people going, "Wow, this person really seems like they're going through a lot of suffering. I feel for them." But I don't want to live that way to have you like me. I'm really happy now, and I feel great. I'm not perfect. I don't do everything right. But I wake up and feel good about the choices I made the day before, and if I don't, I address it right away. I've got to hope and believe that people will still like the movies I make if I'm not in the midst of something they think of as agonizing.

CELEBRITIES

Richie to receive Gershwin Prize

From news services

The Library of Congress said Thursday that Lionel Richie will receive the national library's Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. The singer-songwriter will be bestowed the prize at an all-star tribute in Washington, D.C., on March 9. PBS stations will broadcast the concert on May 17.

This is truly an honor of a lifetime, and I am so grateful to be receiving the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song," Richie said in a statement. "I am proud to be joining all the other previous artists, who I also admire and am a fan of their music."

Past recipients include Stevie Wonder, Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, Willie Nelson, Smokey Robinson, Tony Bennett, Emilio and Gloria Estefan, and Garth Brooks.

Richie is known for his catalog of hits including "All Night Long," "Endless Love," "Lady," "Penny Lover," "Truly" and "Stuck on You." Before his superstar solo career, Richie was a founding member of the Commodores, a funk and soul band that made waves in the 1970s. The group had tremendous success with hits such as "Three Times a Lady," "Still" and

The singer has won four Grammys, an Oscar and the distinction of Music-Cares Person of the Year in 2016. He was a Kennedy Center honoree in 2017.

Machine Gun Kelly, Fox engaged: Actor Megan Fox and rapper Machine Gun Kelly are engaged, according to Instagram videos that each posted Wednesday. Fox shared video of Kelly taking a knee at the top of a flight of outdoor stairs under the tree where the two say they fell in love

in July 2020. Somehow a year and a half later, having walked through hell together, and



Lionel Richie will receive the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song at an all-star tribute on March 9. AMY HARRIS/INVISION 2019

having laughed more than I ever imagined possible, he asked me to marry him," Fox wrote in the post. "And just as in every lifetime before this one, and in every lifetime that will follow it, I said yes."

An Instagram video from Kelly shows Fox wearing the two merged rings he had made for the occasion, with a diamond and an emerald that form "the obscure heart that is our love."

It's the second marriage for Fox, 35, who was married to actor Brian Austin Green from 2010 to 2021. The two have three sons together. It's the first marriage for Kelly, 31, who has a daughter from a previous relationship.

Momoa, Bonet split: Jason Momoa and wife Lisa Bonet have ended their 16-year relationship. A joint statement posted on the "Aquaman" star's Instagram page Wednesday said that he and his

wife were parting ways. "We have all felt the squeeze and changes of these transformational times ... A revolution is unfolding~and our family is of no exception," the post said, adding that they were announcing the split so "as we go about our lives we may do so with dignity and honesty."

Momoa, 42, and Bonet, 54, met and started dating in 2005 and officially married in late 2017. They have a son and daughter together.

Jan. 14 birthdays: Singer Clarence Carter is 86. Actor Faye Dunaway is 81. Actor Holland Taylor is 79. Actor Carl Weathers is 74. Director Steven Soderbergh is 59. Rapper LL Cool J is 54. Actor Jason Bateman is 53. Musician Dave Grohl is 53. Actor Emayatzy Corinealdi is 42. Singer Caleb Followill



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Daughter's boyfriend choice fuels concern

Dear Amy: I'm concerned about my 24-year-old daughter's choice in a boyfriend. She is an intelligent college graduate, working in her field.

She met her boyfriend at work, and they quickly became serious. He is an unskilled laborer in the company's warehouse, working there since high school.

He moved into her apartment. He works just enough to pay his bills and go hunting and fishing. He has no long-term plans.

When she met him, he was dealing with a DUI, having lost his license with a blood alcohol level of .15 and a subsequent accident.

She helped sort out all the court documents and necessary steps to finally get his license back, which was just finalized a few weeks before Christmas.

Then, on Christmas Eve, he left our house in her car to go to a dispensary and was pulled over for erratic speed. He was charged with another DUI.

I told him privately how disgusted I am with his behavior (he's 27).

I thanked our daughter for all she did for Christmas, but also told her that she had some thinking to do. I said that he clearly hadn't learned from his first DUI, but she didn't want to discuss it.

We are disappointed and frightened for her. Should I pursue any

further conversation with her?

– Concerned Pop

Dear Concerned: Your daughter's boyfriend was nabbed for DUI while driving to a dispensary on Christmas Eve. This means

that he was either drunk or

high when he was pulled over, and that he was headed out to purchase more. He obviously has a

Yes, your bright and successful daughter has some thinking to do.

problem.

I don't think you should push too hard, because pressure might push her toward him. Some people need to personally experience the real-world consequences of addiction before they can take action.

Your daughter protected her boyfriend from some of the trouble associated with his previous DUI.

Any attempt by you to control her might actually insulate her from the actual consequences of living with such a needy and troublesome partner.

Convey that you care about her and are always in her corner. A "friends and family" support group like Al-anon could introduce her to others who are also powerless over another's addiction. That might be a persuasive influence.

Dear Amy: My husband's family gathered for their annual holiday party. After 35 years of marriage, I acknowledge that these parties are stressful events for me.

I develop physical ailments approaching the dates of these gatherings and am unable to sleep. There is excessive drinking and bigoted talk. My husband's stance on this behavior is to ignore it.

I chose not to attend this year. Apparently, my husband made up a story about my having to get together with an out-of-

town friend. Now, my sister-in-law is asking how my visit was with my friend.

I prefer not to lie. How do I handle the inquisition from my sisterin-law? How do I encourage my husband to stop making up excuses?

- Done with the Toxicity

Dear Done: Your husband can explain your absence. You don't have to affirm it, however. Your sister-inlaw might be hunting for an explanation because she senses that your husband was not being truthful.

You can respond: "I always find this party pretty stressful, so I decided to skip it. 'Barney' enjoys it, so we decided to go our separate ways this year. I hope you all had a good time — and that you have a great new year."

Dear Amy: My son and his wife have five children.

They don't go out often, but to put a 20% tip on top of the cost of meals would make going out to eat impossible. The children would never know the joy of experiencing new places or new people.

If you can tip 20%, by all means do. But I do not believe all waitresses are as cold-hearted as you seem to be.

– Upset

Dear Upset: The reason I was a waitress was because my family (of six) lacked the funds to go out. We all worked our way through high school and college.

My point is that skipping restaurant dining isn't exactly deprivation.

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The most promising movies slated for early '22

By Michael Phillips Chicago Tribune

Thanks to omicron, it's not easy these days to find soothsayers to say the sooth and take an educated guess on our collective near-futures. As one Twitter user suggested, we really should put Netflix in charge of the pandemic, because Netflix rarely renews anything for a third year.

We know this much, film-wise: In a variety of release and platform patterns, dozens of new movies will try their luck in early 2022. Here are 10.

All dates and theatrical/ streaming release plans subject to change.

'Scream' (Jan.14): The pleasant if corpse-strewn town of Woodsboro, California, says hello to a reboot of the infamous "Ghostface" slasher in this continuation of the "Scream" franchise. Welcome back to Neve Campbell, David Arquette and Courteney Cox, whose characters all have a much better chance at survival than the teens and 20-somethings on board this time.

'Moonfall,' (Feb. 4): In my world, there's never a wrong time for another hunk of Roland Emmerich disaster-movie cheese. The schlockmeister behind "The Day After Tomorrow" and many others co-writes and directs a tale best described – in advance, anyway – by the production company's marketing materials: "A mysterious force knocks the Moon from its orbit around Earth and sends it hurtling on a collision course with life as we know it." Simple, succinct, apocalyptic. Featuring Halle Berry, Patrick Wilson, Michael Pena and Donald Suther-

'Cyrano,' (Feb. 4): Already a success on the late-2021 film festival circuit, director Joe Wright's adaptation of the off-Broadway



In "Turning Red," 13-year-old Meilin Lee is happy until the day when she begins to "poof" into a giant red panda at decidedly inconvenient times. **DISNEY**



Robert Pattinson stars in the title role in "The Batman." **WARNER BROS.**

stage musical (in turn based on the romantic Edmond Rostand warhorse "Cyrano de Bergerac") stars Peter Dinklage as the mighty swordsman, poet and ghostwriter of highly effective love letters. Haley Bennett and Kelvin Harrison, Jr. co-star.

'Marry Me,' (Feb.11):
Valentine's Day week
heralds a new Jennifer
Lopez rom-com, about
a pop superstar whose
fiance's cheating ways
provoke her to marry a
complete stranger (Owen
Wilson) in an act of
spontaneous revenge. Will it

work out? Kat Coiro directs an ensemble including Colombian pop star Maluma (as Mr. Cheater) and Sarah Silverman.

'Death on the Nile,' (Feb. 11): Valentine's Day week also heralds the pandemically delayed arrival — after a

red panda at decidedly

16-month COVID-19 pause
— of director Kenneth
Branagh's second screen
outing as Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth Hercule
Poirot. The list of suspects
this time is portrayed by
Annette Bening, Gal Gadot
and many others, swanning

around in their '30s finery,

side-eyeing co-star Armie

Hammer, who has his own

issues unrelated to Agatha

'The Outfit,' (Feb. 25): Oscar-winning "Imitation Game" screenwriter Graham Moore makes hi

Christie's.

Graham Moore makes his directorial feature debut with this tightly confined period drama about a London tailor (Mark Rylance) who relocates, for mysterious reasons, to Chicago where he mobs up with members of the movie's title. Judging from the trailer, this resembles a filmed play; in any case it won't hurt to have Simon Russell Beale, fully Rylance's equal, on board as a formidable Chicago

wiseguy. Co-starring Zoey Deutsch.

'The Batman,' (March 4): ${
m I}$ love the addition of "The" in the title. What's next, "A Batman"? "Some Batman"? "That's Some Batman!"? The latest DC Comics screen venture stars Robert Pattinson as Bruce Wayne, brooding like there's no tomorrow, opposite Paul Dano's Riddler, and sharing the screen with Zoe Kravitz's Catwoman, Colin Farrell's Penguin, Jeffrey Wright's Commissioner Gordon, and, as Alfred, Andy "No Motion Capture This Time, Thanks" Serkis.

Turning Red; (March 11):
The newest from Disney/
Pixar tells a fantastical tale
of Mei Lee (voice by Rosalie Chiang), a 13-year-old
with an extremely watchful mother (voiced by
Sandra Oh) and a magical
mixed-blessing tendency to
turn into a giant red panda
when she gets excited.
Directed by Domee Shi,
who won an Oscar for her
Pixar short "Bao."

'Downton Abbey: A New Era.' (March 18): On a modest \$13 million production budget, spent mostly on cutlery and floor wax, the 2019 "Downton Abbey" film satisfied the television show's discreetly rabid fan base and raked in (or had the gardeners rake in) nearly a quarter-billion worldwide. In the sequel, the Crawley family must adjust to the news that the Dowager Countess (Dame Maggie Smith, aka Madame du Zinger) has come into possession of a villa along the French Riviera.

'The Lost City,' (March 22): A risk-averse romance novelist (Sandra Bullock) and her hunky book-jacket cover model (Channing Tatum) romance some stones, or something like that, in a comic adventure co-starring Daniel Radcliffe and Brad Pitt. Trailers can lie like rugs, but you know? This one's promising.

Friends heal grief with dash of humor in Fox's 'Pivoting'

By Kate Feldman New York Daily News

There's nothing like death to turn your life inside out as three friends in the new dark comedy "Pivoting" learn the hard way.

The Fox sitcom, which recently premiered and airs on Thursdays, finds the three survivors of a Long Island friend group picking up the pieces after the death of the fourth.

Sarah (Maggie Q) leaves her wildly successful medical career to find joy working at a grocery store, Amy (Eliza Coupe) recommits to being a better — or at least present — mom, and Jodie (Ginnifer Goodwin) soaks up the attention from her personal trainer that she's not getting from her husband.

"They're all coming from a place of ... 'Our friend just died. My life is now,'" said Coupe.

"When you take away all limitations and you stop (caring) about the right way to do something, but you're doing it from a place of what activates your soul because you want to be living now, that's funny," Coupe added. "It's not funny to play by the rules. It's not funny to just live in boxes and have this limited outlook on life. What's funny is to let loose and ... go for it."

Their friend Colleen's death wakes the women up to their lives' realities that they may have been aware of, but couldn't accept. Their versions of blowing their lives up don't involve fleeing the country or burning through their bank accounts; they're small rebellions against their routines.

It took something as big as death to bring change.

"Human beings are so stubborn. We don't see it until we get smacked in the face with it. I wish we



three friends in the new dark comedy "Pivoting." **FOX**

were all more self-aware," said Maggie Q, who found a strong connection to her character after her own best friend died 13 years ago. "We get to the point where we're willfully blind to things until some big event or loss happens and that gives us perspective, not our own self-regulator."

The humor comes from watching the women fall apart and put themselves back together. It is a dark comedy, one in which you laugh and then feel bad about laughing.

about laughing.

"I think, for the most part, people try to not feel pain. They push that ... down, down, down.
And like mass that is condensed, there must be, at some point, an explosion of energy," said Goodwin.

"So I navigate the comedy, and I let the emotions do what they do from beneath the surface."

Maggie Q called it

"normal messy," these three women steal muffins from the coffee shop and infuriate their co-workers and don't necessarily like their spouses.

"We didn't want to present these perfect friendships of people with great lives and everything's hunky dory and the only problems they have in life are relationships," Maggie Q said.

When "Pivoting" starts, viewers are being dropped into a 20-year-old friendship, with ups and downs and more than their fair share of drama. They've reached the point where they know each other's secrets and nothing goes unsaid.

But they're not malicious, Maggie Q stressed; their honesty is well-meaning and in good faith.

faith.

For them, true friendship means telling the truth, no matter what.
That's how Sarah, Amy and Jodie support each other. That's how they find their purpose again.
"Women not cutting each other down and women not being in competition and women just supporting each other," said

"The thing is, what we all need to realize is that it doesn't matter how pretty another woman is; it doesn't take away your own prettiness," Coupe said. "There's nobody else who's you. There's nobody else who's me. And yet we're all one. Once we realize that, then we can all celebrate each other.

"There's enough room at the ... top."

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You may feel like no one is on your side. Though friends could be the antagonists you're battling right now, the bigger problem is that you aren't on your own side! Your passion for the views you defend could cover up doubts you carry.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A fundraising effort could prey on you today. Though you might feel like you're a bad person, just consider who can tell you what to do with your money. Instead of listening to guilt, try taking a step back and thinking about if you're truly equipped to fix whatever they feel desperate about.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may currently believe that you need to defend a figure you revere from someone else's criticism. After all, you might know that bad things happen to you whenever you're less than subservient. You may need to look at the way you handle your relationship with this leader.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Reconfiguring any shared responsibilities that have fallen out of balance could be a great project for you. While you're capable of working hard, your resentment is likely to hold you back from performing at your full potential if you feel like things aren't being handled fairly.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
Asserting yourself could be frustrating for you. The true problem might stem from unclear boundaries. While you may think you have the right to take action based on the written rules, the guidelines that actually get enforced might differ. Try talking to someone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have to distinguish between working smarter and working harder! You might be challenged by shifting expectations. It could be really frustrating to put in a lot of effort to please them only to find out that they want something different. If you can, just give them space to figure themselves out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Receiving inconsistent instructions could make it hard for you to get stuff done today. Try to determine whether any disputes are truly about the tasks at hand. If the warring parties are using you as a pawn in their personal feud, you need to insist on sticking to business.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Throwing your weight around may tempt you at this time. You need to back off. Adjust your sense of what gives you security. When you negotiate from a place of stability, you should be able to use what you have in a way that meet your needs without manipulating others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may want to assert yourself today, but you can also see how doing so might threaten the security you get from going along with things as they are. It could be tempting to release any inner tension you feel on others. They might simply be more open

than you are.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Petty frustrations could provoke you to snap in a surprising way. Look at how much anger you're carrying around. You may find it hard to communicate with people directly, but your irritation might not be about whatever is setting you off in the moment. Be clear about your boundaries.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your friends may get on your nerves. Though it could be tempting to blame them, it's possible that no one is doing anything wrong. Their energy might simply be a mismatch for yours! Taking some personal space to do your own thing can help you get the calm you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Circumstances may push you to take on a more public role than usual. While you could be preoccupied with secrets that may have been weighing on you for a while, any past drama might not be relevant to what the world needs. You can make a positive difference.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 14, 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host. In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!"

In 1967, the 1960s'
"Summer of Love" unofficially began with a
"Human Be-In" involving

tens of thousands of young people at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

In 1970, Diana Ross and the Supremes performed their last concert together.

In 2013, Lance Armstrong ended a decade of denial by confessing to Oprah Winfrey during an interview that he'd used performance-enhancing drugs to win the Tour de France.

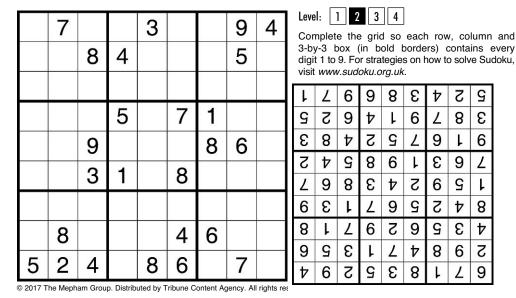
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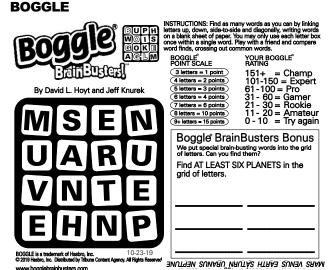
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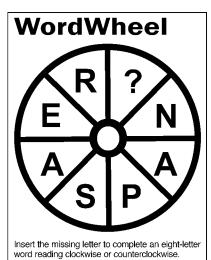
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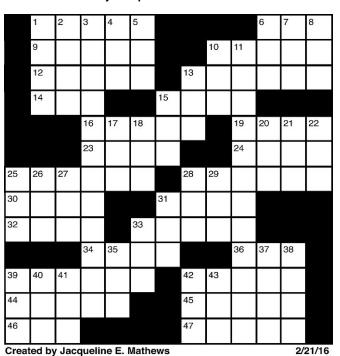
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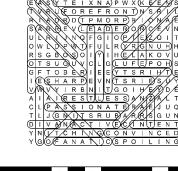


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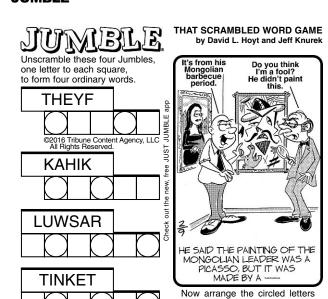
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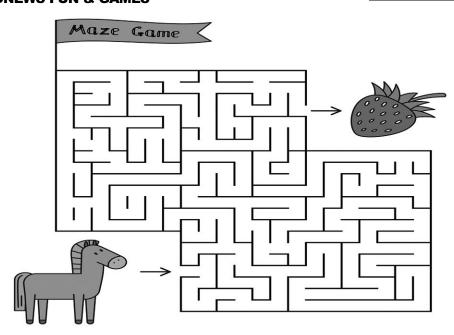
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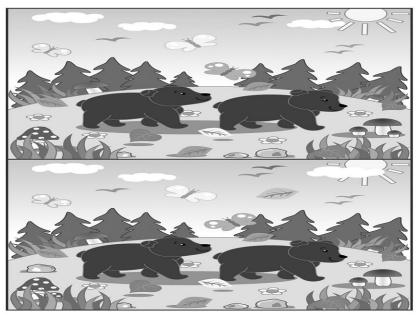
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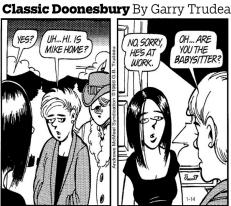








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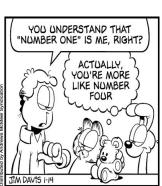












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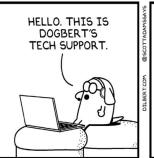
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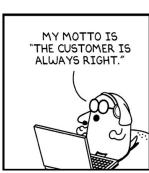






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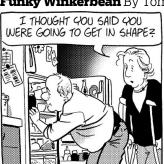
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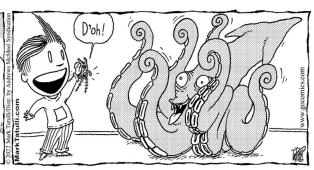






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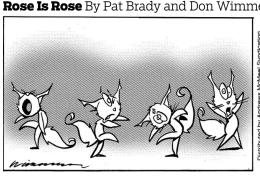




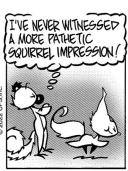
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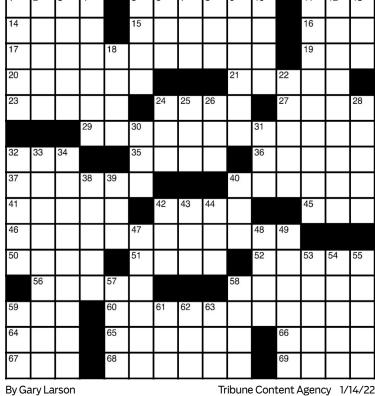
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Bidding quiz

You deal and bid One Diamond. Partner responds Three Diamonds (forcing). What would you bid now with each of

- the following four hands? 1. [S] K105 [H] KQ7 [D] AK7652 [C] 8
- 2. [S] Q4 [H] K3 [D] KQ753 [C] AQJ8
- 3. [S] J6 [H] K94 [D] AJ95 [C] KQ72 4. [S] 82 [H] AK6 [D] KQ874 [C] J63

1. Four notrump. Partner's jump indicates excellent diamond support and 13 to 16 points (Including distribution), raising the question not only of whether there's a small slam, but whether you might even make a grand slam.

Accordingly, you invoke Blackwood, asking for aces. If partner bids five diamonds, indicating one ace, you will of course pass. If partner responds five hearts (two aces), you will bid six diamonds. If he responds five spades (three aces), you will next bid five notrump, asking for kings. If partner responds six diamonds, indicating one king (which must be the king of clubs), you will bid seven diamonds because you can count 13 tricks.

Finally, if partner bids six clubs (no kings), you should stop in six diamonds as you cannot account for what you will do with your potential spade loser.

2. Four clubs. If you had a minimum opening bid, you'd normally bid three notrump or four diamonds to show your limited resources. But this hand is not a minimum -- you have 17 high-card points -- and you can portray these extra values by bidding four clubs to show interest in a slam and first-round control of clubs. You then leave the rest to partner. He may carry on to slam or choose to stop at game as he sees fit.

3. Three notrump. This is not a pleasant bid to make, considering your spade

holding, but there is no better call available. In view of your flat distribution, an 11-trick game in diamonds is far less attractive than a nine-trick notrump game.

Partner doesn't really expect you to have all three side suits completely buttoned up when you bid three notrump, so he can decide to overrule you by returning to diamonds if his values are unsuitable for notrump.

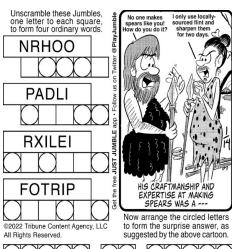
4. Three hearts. Here, too, the best chance for game lies in notrump, but you can't reasonably bid three notrump with two suits unguarded. You therefore bid three hearts, hoping that partner, with spade and club strength, will be able to bid three notrump.

Three hearts does not, in and of itself, profess interest in a slam. It can be interpreted as either a probing bid for game in notrump -- which is the intention here -- or as an initial step toward slam.

Tomorrow: Choosing a line of play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



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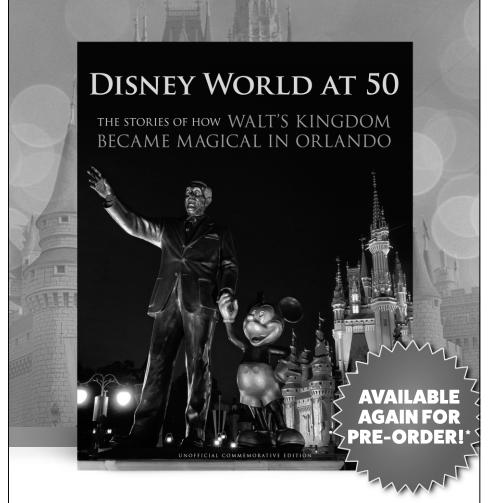
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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'I just knew in my gut that it was the place for me'

New commit Shade savs decision came down to fitting her style

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

In making her college decision Ashlynn Shade, the No. 5 recruit of the class of 2023, wanted a

high-level, competitive program that would help achieve her goal of winning a national championship. But she also wanted a place that would be a good fit for both her style of basketball and her personality.

Once the 5-foot-10 guard from Noblesville, Ind., was able to get to Storrs and see what UConn was all about, it didn't take long for her to know Geno Auriemma's program was the place for her. After visiting campus last weekend, Shade announced her commitment to the Huskies on social media Wednesday morning, making her the second Class of 2023 commit alongside fellow guard KK Arnold.

She had also considered Indiana, Louisville, North Carolina, Notre Dame, Stanford, Tennessee and Up next



Xavier at UConn (XL Center) Noon Sat., SNY

Vanderbilt.

So what made UConn the right

"Literally everything," she told The Courant.

"I've never seen a more perfect place for that kid," said Natalie Morse, Shade's longtime trainer and coach who used to coach at Butler. "She called it her little oasis. Everything is women's basketball, women's basketball, and it just speaks her language."

Shade, a combo guard who can

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL



UConn's Adama Sanogo, center, celebrates with teammates Andre Jackson, left, and R.J. Cole as they pull away from St. John's in overtime Wednesday at Gampel Pavilion. Sanogo had a double-double with 26 points and 18 rebounds in UConn's 86-78 win. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

I new in the East

UConn's Adama Sanogo emerging as a force in the conference as his power game starts to pay multiple dividends for the Huskies

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

Conn men's basketball forward Adama Sanogo has a knack for being at the right place at the right time.

On Wednesday night, the UConn men's basketball team trailed by one with two seconds left in the fourth quarter against St. John's. After Huskies guard Tyrese Martin missed the jumper, Sanogo was right under the rim to corral the offensive rebound. The sophomore went up strong and was fouled by St. John's Aaron Wheeler, sending him to the line. Sanogo sank the first free throw while missing the second, and the game went into overtime.

Ultimately, the Huskies avoided another close loss, pulling off an overtime 86-78 win against St. John's at Gampel Pavilion on Wednesday night. It was Sanogo - all 6 feet 9 and 240 pounds

- who played the biggest role in their victory. He finished with 26 points, 18 rebounds and six blocks after putting up 18 points, 16 rebounds and three blocks in UConn's 90-87 overtime loss to Seton Hall last Saturday. Perhaps the craziest part of this is Sanogo is playing through some pain, as he told media after the Seton Hall

game. After the St. John's win, he said he felt a

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lot healthier.

self-belief. He just does not blink. He thinks he's better than everybody, and you cannot convince him otherwise. But he works like he's a nobody on his game. He's humble that way but arrogant when the ball goes up. That's what you need to do in sports."

– Dan Hurley, UConn head coach

Providence's COVID issues lead to Saturday's game getting canceled. Page 4

"He just has so much

Inside

HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Former Quinnipiac star, FC Cincinnati forward Dally signs with Hartford

By Dom Amore Hartford Courant

Rashawn Dally and his parents found highlights of his great high school memory on YouTube, Bloomfield High's state Class S championship in 2012, and savored it all over again this week.

"It was the first championship for Bloomfield [since 1950]," Dally said. "There were a lot of ups and downs that season, but being a part of that team that came to

together and made some history here in Connecticut, it's a great feeling I'll member forever."

Dally has come home, and staked a claim to make more memories, and more soccer history in Connecticut, signing with the Hartford Athletic for 2022. The deal is pending league and federation approval.

"It's a feeling I'm still trying to wrap my head around," Dally said Thursday, in a Zoom call with state media. "It's almost indescribable. Knowing my father grew up playing soccer in the Hartford/Bloomfield area. My dream was to be a professional soccer player and now there's a team in my community, being able to be a part of that is just a feeling I'm super grateful for."

After Bloomfield High, Dally, a 6-foot-2 forward, played at the Watkinson School in Hartford, then played four years at Quinnipiac, where he had 15 goals and 16 assists in 78 games and was a

two-time United Soccer Coaches All-East Region Third-Team honoree (2016, 2018), and a threetime All-MAAC performer (2018 first team; 2016, 2017 second team). The 24-year-old was invited to the Jamaica National Team's senior camp in 2018 and chosen 49th overall by FC Cincinnati in the 2019 MSL Super Draft. He played in 16 games for Cincinnati and was later loaned to USL's

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Pats look to stay grounded

Why the Patriots will likely lean on their running game again when they visit the Bills

By Nicole Yang Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. Thanks to wind gusts of up to 50 miles per hour, snow flurries, and chilly temperatures, the Patriots relied almost exclusively on their run game the last time they visited Highmark Stadium.

Against the Bills in Week 13, rookie quarterback Mac Jones threw the ball just three times, as 93.8% of the Patriots' offensive plays were on the ground. The Patriots became the first team since the 1978 Saints to run the ball on at least 90% of their plays in a game. Jones's three passing attempts were the fewest in franchise history.

Come Saturday night, the Patriots will be up against their divisional foes once again, this time for a wild-card matchup. The forecast, according to the National Weather Service, calls for temperatures as cold as 2 degrees. The chances of precipitation are low, only around 5% at 8 p.m., while the wind gusts are not expected to exceed 10 mph.

until 10 p.m. The projected conditions are not as extreme as they were in Week 13, but the icy temperatures should influence the Patriots to again lean on their running backs.

Establishing the run game was already going to be a point of emphasis for the Patriots, who ranked eighth in the NFL in rushing yards (2,151), second in rushing touchdowns (24), and fourth in rushing first downs (139). New England ran the ball on 46.5% of its offensive plays during the regular season, the sixth-highest rate in the league.

Damien Harris, Rhamondre Stevenson, and Brandon Bolden comprise a versatile and effective running back corps, one that can help the Patriots control the pace of the game and give themselves their best chance at a win.

Just ask retired running back LeGarrette Blount, who won two Super Bowls with the Patriots.

Statistically speaking, if you can run the ball well, those are the teams that win most of the games," Blount said via telephone.

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AFC Wild-Card Game



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Safety Tip of the Day

If you are taking medications for an ailment, remember that many prescription drugs cause side effects that may impair your ability to drive safely.



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UP NEXT

Patriots: AFC Wild Card at Bills, Saturday, 8:15 p.m. UConn MBB: Butler (XL), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Butler, Jan. 20, 9 p.m.; Georgetown (Gampel), Jan. 25, 8:30 p.m. **UConn WBB:** Xavier (XL), Saturday, noon; at Oregon, Monday, 5 p.m.; Seton Hall (Gampel),

Jan. 21, 7 p.m. Celtics: at 76ers. Fridav. 7 p.m.; Bulls, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Pelicans, Monday, 12:30 p.m. Knicks: at Hawks, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Hornets, Monday, 1 p.m.; Timberwolves, Tuesday,

Nets: Pelicans, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 3 p.m.; at Wizards, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

UConn hockey: Boston Univ., Friday, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.; New Hampshire, Jan. 22, 4 p.m.

Bruins: Predators. Saturday, 1 p.m.; Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Capitals, Thursday, 7 p.m. Rangers: at Flyers, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Maple Leafs, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hurricanes, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. Wolf Pack: at Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.: Laval. Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Toronto, Wednesday,

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KNICKS

NY gets Reddish from Hawks for a 2022 1st-rounder

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The struggling Atlanta Hawks traded forward Cam Reddish to the New York Knicks for a protected 2022 first-round draft pick on Thursday.

Atlanta confirmed the move. Team officials, including coach Nate McMillan, couldn't comment on the trade before the deal becomes official.

The Hawks also are sending forward Solomon Hill and a 2025 second-round pick to the Knicks, and small forward Kevin Knox is heading to Atlanta.

The trade comes as the

Hawks (17-23) have lost three consecutive games, and seven of their last nine. Wednesday night's 115-91 loss to Miami was the Hawks' ninth consecutive home loss. Atlanta has fallen to 12th in the Eastern Conference standings one year after advancing to the conference finals.

Reddish did not play against the Heat due to a right ankle sprain.

The Hawks, who visit Miami on Friday night, must regroup quickly if they are to return to the playoffs.

McMillan said the Hawks are not giving up on the

"I mean, we're not hitting

the panic button," McMillan said after Thursday's practice. "There's a lot of basketball left in this season. We're not hitting the panic button."

McMillan and the Hawks are trying to reclaim their cohesiveness, especially on defense. They have been forced to play through a series of lineup changes, in part caused by COVID-19 positive tests that most recently caused McMillan to miss four games. McMillan returned Wednesday.

"You can't have one guy not locked into what you're supposed to be doing out on the floor," McMillan said Thursday. "Those are the things we are trying to build, that chemistry, that connection defensively and that connection on the opposite end of the floor."

Reddish, the No. 10 overall pick in the 2019 draft, is averaging 11.9 points and 2.5 rebounds in 34 games, including seven starts, this season. Injuries have hurt his consistency and production, but he is regarded as a player with high potential thanks to his athleticism and defense.

At New York, Reddish will be reunited with former Duke teammate RJ Barrett.

Knox has played in only 13 games this season, averaging 3.6 points and 1.7 rebounds. His best year came as rookie in the 2018-19 season, when he averaged 12.8 points and

4.5 rebounds. Knox was the ninth overall pick in the 2018 draft. After starting 57 games as a rookie, he fell out of favor

and has only four starts in

the last three seasons. Hill, 30, was a 2013 firstround pick by Indiana. He is expected to miss the remainder of the season after tearing his right hamstring against Charlotte on Dec. 5. Hill averaged 4.5 points and 3.0 rebounds in 71 games, including 16 starts, for Atlanta last season.



Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez (81) tries to break free of Bills linebacker Chris Kelsay (90) during a 2012 game in Foxborough, Mass. APFILE

NFL PLAYOFFS

Bills no longer Pats' patsys

By John Wawrow Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. -Chris Kelsay's introduction to the Bills' so-called and very one-sided divisional rivalry against the New **England Patriots differed** from many of the defensive end's contemporaries over his 10 seasons in Buffalo.

He began his career with

And yet, Kelsay will never forget the words of caution he received shortly after the Bills opened the 2003 season with a stunning 31-0 victory, punctuated by hefty defensive tackle Sam Adams returning Tom Brady's interception 37 yards for a touchdown.

"I remember guys were saying, 'Don't get used to Kelsay said with a laugh this week as Buffalo (11-6) prepares to host the Patriots (10-7).

Perhaps, no truer words had ever been spoken.

Not only did the Patri-

ots respond by beating the Bills 31-0 in the season finale en route to winning their second of an eventual six Super Bowl titles spanning the 2001 to 2018 seasons, they proceeded to win their next 15 straight meetings over Buffalo.

"Oh, yeah, I played them 20 times in my career and I think I beat them twice," said Kelsay, referring to Buffalo's streak-ending 34-31 win over New England in 2011. "You were always optimistic about your game plan, your preparation, but during that timeframe, they obviously got our number more than we got theirs."

Difficult as it was then, Kelsay is encouraged to see signs of the tables finally being turned. The Bills have won three of four, and loosened the Patriots' lengthy grip on the AFC East by winning division titles in each of the past two seasons.

"It's pretty remarkable really," said Kelsay who acknowledged initially

having pangs of jealousy in watching the Bills enjoy success in retirement. "It's awesome to see the success they're having."

The Bills are no longer the Patriots patsy that occurred during a lengthy run from 2000 to '19, which coincided with coach Bill Belichick's arrival and Tom Brady's final season in New England. Over that stretch, Belichick won 35 of 40 meetings, with Brady going 32-3 (now 33-3 after he led Tampa Bay past Buffalo last month) to set the NFL record for most wins against one opponent.

With Brady gone, Buffalo swept the season series last year for the first time since 1999. This year, the Bills responded from an embarrassing 14-10 loss in blustery conditions at home on Dec. 6 with a 33-21 win at New England three weeks later.

On Saturday, the teams will meet for only the second time in the playoffs, after the then-Boston Patri-

ots beat Buffalo 26-8 in the former American Football League's divisional playoff in 1963.

Bills coach Sean McDermott dismissed whatever recent success the Bills have enjoyed by referencing the 14-10 loss in which the Patriots attempted three passes while finishing with 222 yards rushing to counter the

"This is a good football team," McDermott said. "And I don't think you have to look any further than knowing that they beat us here a couple of weeks ago."

Former Patriots linebacker Jerod Mayo also discounted the past, in noting how both teams have changed. The Bills are now led by fourth-year starter Josh Allen, while the Patriots are in transition under rookie Mac Jones.

"Honestly, I don't really get into comparing teams,' Mayo said. "Every team has it's own unique structure, own unique identity."

GIANTS Chiefs' Poles, Cards' Harris interview for GM job

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants interviewed Quentin Harris of the Arizona Cardinals and Ryan Poles of the Kansas City Chiefs for their general manager's job.

Co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch and senior vice president of player personnel Chris Mara, the owner's brother, met with Harris and Poles on Thursday by videoconference.

The Giants have now spoken with four men over the past two days. They interviewed Bills assistant general manager Joe Schoen and Cardinals vice president of pro personnel Adrian Wilson on Wednesday.

Harris is the Cardinals' vice president of player personnel, while Poles has the title of chief executive director of player personnel with Kansas City.

Giants general manager Dave Gettleman retired Monday. The team posted a 19-46 record in his four years as GM. The team fired coach Joe Judge the following day.

Harris has spent the past 14 years with the Cardinals. A former Arizona and Denver defensive back, he worked a year for the Broncos as a scout before joining the Cardinals. In his current position, he works with general manager Steve Keim managing the college and pro personnel departments.

Poles joined the Chiefs in 2009 as a player personnel assistant. He served in the scouting department from 2010-18 before returning to the personnel department. He is a former offensive lineman who blocked for Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan at Boston College.

The Giants plan to interviews two members of the Tennessee Titans' front office on Friday. They will talk with Ryan Cowden, the vice president of player personnel, and Monti Ossenfort, the director of player personnel.

The team plans to interview Baltimore Ravens director of player personnel Joe Hortiz on Saturday.

The remaining two candidates are with the San Francisco 49ers, who have a playoff game on Sunday against Dallas. They are assistant general manager Adam Peters and director of player personnel Ran Carthon, the son of former Giants fullback Maurice Carthon.

Patriots

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"Bill [Belichick] is a numbers guy. He's going to go with the stats. OK, the stats say there's a 65 or 70% chance that if we run the time ball this many times or rush for this many yards, then we're going to win."

This season, when the Patriots rush for more than 125 yards - their average is 126.5 — they're 8-2, with the losses being Buffalo in Week 16 and Miami in Week 18. When they rush for fewer than 125 yards, they are 2-5.

In five of New England's seven losses, Jones attempted more than 30 passes. When he attempted 40 or more, the Patriots were 0-3.

Other factors, such as winning the

turnover battle, play an important role in the outcome, too. But being able to run the football is clearly a key to victory.

"As long as they continue to run the football effectively, that'll help [Jones] out a lot from having to throw the ball 30, 40 times," Blount said.

Jones is heading into the postseason coming off his worst four-game stretch of the season. Over that span, he completed 59.9% of his passes, down from his season average of 67.6; threw six touchdown passes and five interceptions; and registered a passer rating of 79.7, down from his season average of 92.5.

Within that skid is Jones's worst individual performance, when he completed just 43.8% of his passes and was picked off twice in Week 16 against the Bills.

The winter weather will only make it more difficult for Jones to execute, especially against Buffalo's top-ranked defense. Arm strength is not one of his standout qualities.

Leaning on the run game makes even more sense in the cold because of how challenging tackling becomes. In Week 13, the Bills missed a seasonhigh 17 tackles, surrendering 163 yards after contact. For Stevenson, 74 of his 78 rushing yards came after contact.

"Throughout your entire time in New England, one thing I don't think another team can match up with is the toughness," Blount said. "I think it's a mental thing. There are games where a guy gets 18, 19 carries and has 60 yards, and then with the last five carries he'll get to 140 because they're tired of tackling. It's cold. It hurts."

BRUINS 3, FLYERS 2

Rask's 25 saves lifts **Boston past Philly**

By Steve Conroy Boston Herald

BOSTON — In case you were wondering, yes, Tuukka Rask is still a damn good goaltender.

Playing in his first game since June 9 after undergoing offseason hip surgery, Rask was not exactly bombarded by the Philadelphia Flyers, but he turned away a pair of second-period breakaways and was able to shut the door when the Flyers pulled goalie Carter Hart with over three minutes left, nailing down a 3-2 victory at the Garden on

Rask turned away 25 shots and David Pastrnak notched a hat trick for the B's first four-game win streak of the

The B's were forced to kill off a 51-second 5-on-3 late in the third period when first Brandon Carlo and then Charlie Coyle shot the puck over the glass. Once they successfully did that, the Flvers pulled Hart but the

B's were able to hold on. By the time Rask saw his first shot of the night, the Bruins already had a 2-0 lead, thanks to a pair of Pastrnak



Flvers center Zack MacEwen, left, fights Bruins defenseman Tyler Lewington (55) during the second period Thursday in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Taylor Hall, who had his six-game point streak snapped on Wednesday, pounced on a bad bounce off the boards in the Flyers' zone, gave Erik Haula a short backhand pass and Haula in turn fed Pastrnak for his 14th on a wrister from the slot just 1:51 into the game.

WINTER OLYMPICS

US men's hockey roster includes 15 college players

Associated Press

College players make up more than half of the U.S. Olympic hockey roster for Beijing, a significant increase from 2018 when the NHL also opted not to participate.

USA Hockey unveiled its 25-man roster Thursday with 15 players from college, headlined by 2021 No. 2 pick Matty Beniers of the Seattle Kraken and 2020 No. 5 pick Jake Sanderson of the Ottawa Senators. Brendan Brisson, a Michigan teammate of Beniers and a 2020 first-round pick of the Vegas Golden Knights, also was named to

We're excited about the roster we've put together," U.S. general manager John Vanbiesbrouck said. "The Olympics are the

biggest stage in sports, and it was fun to hear the enthusiasm our players have to represent their country."

The U.S. skewed younger than four years ago when Troy Terry, Ryan Donato, Jordan Greenway and Will Borgen were the only NCAA players on a team made up of mostly older professionals playing in Europe. Donato led the U.S. in goals, Terry in assists, Greenway was one of the top all-around performers during the tournament and their contributions raised the trust level this time around for leaning on more college players.

"It took that hesitation out," said Scott Young, who's back as an assistant, this time under coach David Ouinn. "We weren't afraid to go young. We weren't afraid to go young and hungry."

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Charlotte	23	19	.548	3 1/2
Washington	22	20	.524	4 1/2
Atlanta	17	23	.425	8 1/2
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Memphis	29	14	.674	_
Dallas	22	19	.537	- 6
San Antonio New Orleans	15 15	26 26	.366 .366	13 13
Houston	12	31	.279	17
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NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	28	14	.667	1/
Denver Minnesota	20 20	19 21	.513	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Minnesota Portland	20 16	24	.488	1 /2
Oklahoma City	13	27	.325	14
PACIFIC	w	L	РСТ	GB
Phoenix	31	9	.775	
PHOEIHX	30	10	.750	1
Golden State	21	21	.500	11
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Golden State L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers	21 17	27	.386	16
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Golden State L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers Sacramento	17 ULTS Iilwau	kee,	late	16

FRIDAY'S GAMES Boston at Philadelphia, 7p.m. Orlando at Charlotte, 7p.m. Phoenix at Indiana, 7p.m. Toronto at Detroit, 7p.m. Golden State at Chicago, 7:30p.m. Atlanta at Miami, 8p.m. Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30p.m. Dallas at Memphis, 10p.m. Houston at Sacramento, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTSWashington 112, Orlando 106 Boston 119, Indiana 100

10. Jayleli Brown	D03	217,400
WEST CONFERENCE FRO	ONTC	OURT
1. LeBron James	LAL	4,386,392
2. Nikola Jokic	Den	3,016,380
3. Andrew Wiggins	GS	1,829,733
4. Paul George	LAC	1,773,447
5. Anthony Davis	LAL	1,342,294
6. Draymond Green	GS	1,295,848
7. Carmelo Anthony	LAL	886,014
8. Karl-Anthony Towns	Min	851,033
9. Rudy Gobert	Utah	419,853

WEST CONFERENCE BACKCOURT								
1. Stephen Curry	GS	4,463,426						
2. Ja Morant	Mem	1,633,313						
3. Luka Doncic	Dal	1,410,605						
4. Klay Thompson	GS	749,038						
5. Devin Booker	Phx	648,317						
6. Russell Westbrook	LAL	576,512						
7. Chris Paul	Phx	561,890						
8. Donovan Mitchell	Utah	441,247						
9. Damian Lillard	Por	364,217						
10. Anthony Edwards	Min	224,293						
Starters and team capi	tains n	amed						
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Thursday, Jan. 27. Reserves named by NBA head coaches Thursday, Feb. 3. All-Star Weekend: Feb. 18-20, Cleveland

TEAM LEADERS				
TEMA	PTS TRB	AST	PTS	
Utah	4835 46.4	22.2	115.1	
Charlotte	4832 43.9	27.1	115.0	
Memphis	4823 48.3	25.4	112.2	
L.A. Lakers	4708 45.4	24.6	112.1	
Milwaukee	4808 47.1	23.0	111.8	
Phoenix	4471 45.8	26.1	111.8	
Brooklyn	4464 45.5	25.8	111.6	
Chicago	4349 43.1	23.9	111.5	
San Antonio	4544 45.8	27.9	110.8	
Atlanta	4413 45.2	23.6	110.3	
Minnesota	4509 45.5	24.5	110.0	
Golden State	4390 46.1	27.9	109.8	
Sacramento	4809 44.4	22.7	109.3	
Portland	4351 43.9	22.7	108.8	
Miami	4452 45.0	25.6	108.6	
Houston	4641 42.9	22.8	107.9	
Toronto	4097 45.0	21.7	107.8	
Washington	4527 44.3	24.1	107.8	
Boston	4526 45.7	22.6	107.8	
Indiana	4522 44.4	24.0	107.7	
Philadelphia	4290 42.1	22.8	107.3	
Cleveland	4507 45.5	25.4	107.3	
New Orleans	4334 46.2	24.6	105.7	
Denver	4117 43.4	25.9	105.6	
Dallas	4316 43.6	23.8	105.3	
L.A. Clippers	4398 43.5	22.8	104.7	
New York	4380 45.3	21.0	104.3	
Orlando	4274 44.0	22.1	101.8	
Detroit	4049 42.9	22.0	101.2	
Oklahoma City	4001 46.0	20.8	100.0	
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C	OLLEGE BA	SKETBALL	FRIDAY
F/	AVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
В	uffalo	61/2	at Ball State
at	Purdue	20	Nebraska
at	Marist	111/2	Siena
M	lanhattan	111/2	at Iona
at	St. Bonaven	ture 11/2	VCU
at	Kent State	1	Akron
at	Illinois	81/2	Michigan
at	Richmond	1	Davidson
at	UNLV	1	Fresno State
N	BA		FRIDAY
	AVORITE		UNDERDOG

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at UNLV		1	Fresno State
NBA			FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
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at Indiana .	off	(off)	Phoenix
at Detroit	off	(off)	Toronto
	51/2		
at Chicago	off		Golden State
at Miamí	off	(off)	Atlanta
at San Antonio		(off)	Cleveland
at Memphis	off	(off)	Dallas
at Sacramento	off	(off)	Houston
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NHL		FR	RIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Florida	-184	Dallas	+152
at Minnesota	-194	Anaheim	+160
at Colorado	-530	Arizona	+390

NFL WILD CA	RD		SATURDAY	1
FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDO	à
at Cincinnati	41/2	(49)	Las Vegas	s
at Buffalo	4	(44)	New England	d
			SUNDAY	1
at Tampa Bay	81/2	(46)	Philadelphia	a
at Dallas	3	(51) S	an Francisco	0
at Kansas City	121/2	(461/2)	Pittsburgl	n
			MONDAY	1
at I A Rams	31/2	(491/2)	Arizona	a

For the latest odds, go to

FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

Washington 112, Orland Boston 119, Indiana 100 Charlotte 109, Philadelp Miami 115, Atlanta 91 New York 108, Dallas 85 Houston 128, San Anton	hia 9	8	Boston 5, Montreal 1 Dallas 5, Seattle 2 Arizona 2, Toronto 1 Minnesota at Edmont	OSTERS	
Cleveland 111, Utah 91	L		Three-game tournam		
Sacramento 125, L.A. La Brooklyn 138, Chicago 1		116	3-on-3 format, featuri		s,
brooklyii 136, Cilicago 1	12			II.	
			ATLANTIC DIVISION		ASG
ALL STAR FAN VOTIN EAST CONFERENCE FRO		MIDT	F Drake Batherson	Ottawa	1st
1. Kevin Durant	Brk	4,088,334	F Patrice Bergeron	Boston	3rd
2. Giannis Antetokounmpo		3.808.458	F Jonathan Huberdeau		2nd
3. Joel Embiid	Phi	2,357,404	F Dylan Larkin	Detroit	2nd
4. Jayson Tatum	Bos	1,155,591	F Auston Matthews*	Toronto	4th
5. Jimmy Butler	Mia	978,889	F Nick Suzuki	Montreal	1st
6. Jarrett Allen	Cle		D Rasmus Dahlin	Buffalo	1st
7. Bam Adebayo	Mia		D Victor Hedman	Tampa Bay	3rd
8. Pascal Siakam	Tor		G Jack Campbell	Toronto	1st
9. Miles Bridges	Char		G Andrei Vasilevskiy		4th
10. LaMarcus Aldridge	Brk	216,216	"Last Man In" ballot: A		
10. Laiviai cus Aidi idge	DIK	210,210	Barkov, Fla; Charlie M		
EAST CONFERENCE BAC	KCOI	IDT	Raymond, Det; Stever		
1. DeMar DeRozan	Chi	2.973.854	John Tavares, Tor; Tag Brady Tkachuk, Ott; T		
2. Trae Young	Atl	1.596.301			10.
3. Zach LaVine	CHI	1,442,571	METROPOLITAN DIVIS	ION	ASG
4. James Harden	Brk	1.433.217	F Sebastian Aho	Carolina	2n
5. LaMelo Ball	Char		F Claude Giroux	Philadelphia	
6. Kyrie Irving	Brk	561,103	F Jack Hughes	New Jersey	
7. Derrick Rose	NY	373,039	F Chris Kreider	NY Rangers	
8. Fred VanVleet	Tor	350,806	F Alex Ovechkin*	Washington	
9. Darius Garland	Cle	227,813	D Adam Fox	NY Rangers	1st
10. Jaylen Brown	Bos	217,463	D Adam Pelech	NY Islanders	s 1st
		,	D Zach Werenski	Columbus	2nd
WEST CONFERENCE FRO	NTC	OURT	G Frederik Andersen	Caronlina	2nd
1. LeBron James	LAL	4,386,392	G Tristan Jarry	Pittsburgh	2nd
2. Nikola Jokic	Den	3,016,380	Last Man In" ballot: C	am Atkinson,	Phi;
3. Andrew Wiggins	GS	1,829,733	Mathew Barzal, NYI; J	esper Bratt, i	NJ;
4. Paul George	LAC	1,773,447	Jake Guentzel, Pit; Evg	jeny Kuznets	ov,
5 Anthony Davis	1 / 1	1 3/12 20/	Wast Androi Syachnik		

CENTRAL DIVISION		AJU
F Kyle Connor	Winnipeg	1st
F Alex DeBrincat	Chicago	1st
F Kirill Kaprizov	Minnesota	1st
F Clayton Keller	Arizona	2nd
F Jordan Kyrou	St. Louis	1st
F Nathan MacKinnon	* Clolrado	4th
F Joe Pavelski	Dallas	4th
D Cale Makar	Colorado	1st
G Juuse Saros	Nashville	1st
G Cam Talbot	Minnesota	1st
"Last Man In" ballot:	Ryan Hartma	ın,
Min; Seth Jones, Chi;	Roman Josi,	Nas;
Nazem Kadri, Col; Ph	il Kessel, Ari;	
Jason Robertson, Dal	l; Mark Scheif	ele,
Winnipeg Jets; Rober	rt Thomas, St	L
PACIFIC DIVISION		ASG
F Leon Draisaitl	Edmonton	3rd
F Jordan Eberle	Seattle	2nd
E Johnny Caudroau	Calgary	6+h

Was: Andrei Svechnikov, Car: Jakub

Voracek, Phi; Mika Zibanejad, NYR

CENTRAL DIVISION

F Leon Draisaitl	Edmonton	3r
F Jordan Eberle	Seattle	2no
F Johnny Gaudreau	Calgary	6tl
F Adrian Kempe	Los Angeles	1s
F Connor McDavid*	Edmonton	5tl
F Timo Meier	San Jose	1s
F Mark Stone	Vegas	1s
D Alex Pietrangelo	Vegas	3r
G John Gibson	Anaheim	3r
G Thatcher Demko	Vancouver	1s
"Last Man In" ballot:	Logan Coutur	e, S.
Drew Doughty, LA; Ma	ark Giordano,	Sea
Jonathan Marchessau	ılt, Vgs; J.T. M	iller
Van; Darnell Nurse, Ed	dm; Troy Terr	у,
Ana; Matthew Tkachi	ık, Cgy	
ASG-All-Star app.; * Fa	n-elected cap	tain
Game: Feb. 5, T-Mobile	Arena, Las Ve	gas

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Juuse Saros	20	NSH	9	1	2.27
Andrei Vasilevskiy	20	TBL	6	3	2.19
Frederik Andersen	18	CAR	5	0	1.96
Jack Campbell	18	TOR	5	3	2.02
Tristan Jarry	18	PIT	6	4	1.91
through Wednesda	ιy				

TENNIS
SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC Thursday at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney, outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
Max Cressy d. #6 Dusan Lajovic, 6-3, 6
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#1 Aslan Karatsev d.
#5 Lorenzo Sonego, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.
#2 Day France of \$4.77

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#1 Aslan Karatsev d.
#5 Lorenzo Sonego, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.
#3 Dan Evans d. Max Cressy, 6-4, 7-6(5)
#4 Reilly Opelka d.
Brandon Nakashima, 7-6(4), 6-2.
Andy Murray d. #8 David Goffin, 6-2, ret
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1 Aslan Karatsev vs. #3 Dan Evans, late
#4 Reilly Opelka vs. Andy Murray, late
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
Daria Kasatkina d.
#2 Garbine Muguruza, 6-4, 6-4.
#3 Barbora Krejcikova d.
Caroline Garcia, 6-0, 6-2.
#4 Anett Kontaveit d. #7 Ons Jabeur,
6-4, 0-0, ret.
#5 Paula Badosa d. Belinda Bencic.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS

7-6(6), 3-6, 6-3

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2 Thursday at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, Australia, outdoors-hard
MEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
Thanasi Kokkinakis d.
Aleksandar Vukic, 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-2.
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Arthur Rinderknech vs. Corentin
Moutet, late
Marin Cilic vs. Thanasi Kokkinakis I

Arthur Rinderknech vs. Corentin
Moutet, late
Marin Cilic vs. Thanasi Kokkinakis, lat
WOMEN'S SINGLES, QUARTERFINALS
#3 Coco Gauff d. Ana Konjuh, 6-3, 6-4.
#4 Tamara Zidansek d. Lauren Davis,
7-6(4), 7-6(7).
Madison Keys d.

#8 Liudmila Samsonova, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, Alison Riske d. Madison Brengle, WOMEN'S SINGLES. SEMIFINALS Alison Riske d. #4 Tamara Zidansek, walkover #3Coco Gauff vs. Madison Keys, late

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

GP W L OT PTS GF GA

Tampa Bay

Toronto

Boston

Detroit Buffalo

Ottawa Montreal **METRO.**

CENTRAL

Nashville

Colorado

Dallas Winnipeg Chicago

Arizona PACIFIC

Vegas Anaheim

Calgary

Vancouver

Los Angeles

St. Louis Minnesota

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GP W L OT PTS GF GA

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GP W L OT PTS GF GA

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36 18 13 5 41 100 94 37 20 16 1 41 105 114 33 17 10 6 40 104 83

34 18 14 2 38 113 111 36 16 17 3 35 93 104 35 10 21 4 24 97 131

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in

each division and two wild cards per

conference advance to playoffs.

New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, late Winnipeg at Detroit, late

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Columbus 6, Carolina 0 Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 2 Boston 3, Philadelphia 2

Buffalo at Nashville, late Seattle at St. Louis, late Montreal at Chicago, late

Ottawa at Calgary, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, late Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, late

Dallas at Florida, 7p.m. Anaheim at Minnesota, 8p.m.

Arizona at Colorado, 9p.m. Vegas at Edmonton, ppd

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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33 16 12 5 37 36 13 18 5 31 34 8 23 3 19

Carolina 34 24 8 2 50 115 79
N.Y. Rangers 37 23 10 4 50 107 94
Washington 37 20 8 9 49 125 104
Pittsburgh 35 21 9 5 47 116 90
Columbus 35 17 17 1 1 35 116 122
New Jersey 36 14 17 5 33 105 126
Philadelphia 36 13 16 7 33 92 122
N.Y. Islanders 28 10 12 6 26 64 80

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Baylor (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday No. 2 Gonzaga (12-2) vs. BYU. Next: at No. 3 UCLA (10-1) vs. Oregon. Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday. No. 4 Auburn (15-1) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
No. 5 Southern Cal (13-1) vs. Oregon State. Next: vs. Oregon, Saturday. No. 6 Arizona (12-1) vs. Colorado. Next: vs. Utah, Saturday.
No. 7 Purdue (13-2) did not play. Next: No. 8 Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Kansas (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday. No. 10 Michigan St. (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern. Saturda

No. 11 Houston (14-2) did not play. **No. 12 LSU (15-1) did not play. Next:** vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
No. 13 Wisconsin (14-2) beat No. 16 Ohio State 78-68. Next: at Northwestern, Tuesday. No. 14 Villanova (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Sunday. No. 15 Iowa State (13-3) did not play.

Next: vs. No. 21 Texas, Saturday No. 16 Ohio State (10-4) lost to No. 13 Wisconsin 78-68. Next: vs. Penn State, No. 17 Xavier (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Villanova, Wednesday. No. 18 Kentucky (13-3) did not play.

Next: vs. No. 22 Tennessee, Saturday. No. 19 Texas Tech (13-3) beat Oklahoma State 78-57. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
No. 20 Seton Hall (11-4) lost to DePaul 96-92. Next: at Marguette, Saturday No. 21 Texas (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Iowa State, Saturday. No. 22 Tennessee (11-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kentucky, Saturday. No. 23 Providence (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday No. 24 Alabama (11-5) did not play. No. 24 Alabama (11-5) did not play.

Next: at Mississippi St., Saturday.

No. 25 Illinois (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Friday

THURSDAY'S SCORES

Army 73, Boston U. 63 Bridgeport 82, American Int'l 79 Butler 72, Georgetown 58 Colgate 69, Navy 50 Lehigh 97, Bucknell 64 Loyola (Md.) 74, Lafayette 60 Niagara 68, Canisius 58 North Texas 69. Marshall 65 Swarthmore 98, Washington (Md.) 47 Wright St. 75, Robert Morris 73

Appalachian St. 61, Coastal Carolina 60 Charlotte 66, UTEP 53 Francis Marion 73, Erskine 61 Kennesaw St. 77, Florida Gulf Coast 53 Lake Erie 72, Trevecca Nazarene 56 Louisiana Tech 80, Southern Miss. 57 Mercer 97, VMI 91 Middle Tennessee 70, FAU 57 Old Dominion 83, UTSA 51 The Citadel 74, UNC-Greensboro 69 UAB 84, FIU 56 Winthrop 86, UNC-Asheville 80

MIDWEST DePaul 96, Seton Hall 92 Fort Wavne 62, Detroit 60 N. Kentucky 68, Youngstown St. 67 Oakland 70, Cleveland St. 65 Wisconsin 78, Ohio St. 68 SOUTHWEST Texas Tech 78, Oklahoma St. 57 WEST

Stanford 62, Washington St. 57 WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1. South Carolina (16-1) beat Texas A&M 65-45. Next: at Arkansas, Sunday. No. 2. Stanford (11-3) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Colorado, Friday. No. 3. Louisville (14-1) beat Syracuse 84-71. Next: at Boston College, Suno No. 4. NC State (15-2) beat Virginia 66-43. Next: vs. No. 16 Duke. Sunday No. 5. Tennessee (15-1) at Vanderbilt. Next: vs. No. 19 Kentucky, Sunday. No. 6. Indiana (13-2) beat Nebraska 72-65. Next: at Purdue, Sunday. No. 7. Arizona (11-1) at Oregon Stat. Next: at Oregon, Saturday No. 8. Maryland (12-4) did not play. No. 9. Iowa St. (15-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday. No. 10. UConn (8-3) did not play vs. Xavier, Saturday No. 11. Michigan (13-2) at Penn State. Next: at No. 8 Maryland, Sunday. No. 12. LSU (15-2) vs. Missouri. Next:

No. 13. Texas (11-3) did not play. Next: No. 14. Baylor (10-4) did not play. Next: at Kansas, Sunday. No. 15. Georgia Tech (12-3) vs. Florida State. Next: at Miami, Sunday.
No. 16. Duke (11-3) lost to Virginia Tech 65-54. Next: at No. 4 N.C. State, Sunday. No. 17. Georgia (13-3) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Monday. No. 18. BYU (12-1) vs. Saint Mary's

(Cal). Next: at Loyola Marymount, No. 19. Kentucky (8-4) vs. Mississippi State, ppd. Next: at No. 5 Tennessee No. 20. Notre Dame (12-3) beat Wake

Forest 74-64. Next: vs. No. 21 North Carolina, Sunday. No. 21. North Carolina (14-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Not No. 22. Colorado (13-0) did not play.

Next: vs. No. 2 Stanford, Frida No. 23. Oklahoma (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU. Saturday No. 24. South Florida (12-4) did not play. Next: at UCF, Sunday.
No. 25. Kansas St. (13-3) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS		
RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AV
1. Jon Rahm	Spain	9.8
2. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	8.7
3. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	6.7
4. Patrick Cantlay	U.S.	6.7
5. Justin Thomas	U.S.	6.3
6. Viktor Hovland	Norway	6.2
7. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	6.1
8. Bryson DeChambeau	U.S.	6.0
9. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	6.0
10. Cameron Smith	Australia	5.6
11. Sam Burns	U.S.	5.1
12. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	5.1
Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	4.9
14. Harris English	U.S.	4.9
15. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	4.8

J. Rolly Wichilloy	iv. ii ciana	0.07
10. Cameron Smith	Australia	5.63
11. Sam Burns	U.S.	5.16
12. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	5.10
Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	4.94
14. Harris English	U.S.	4.90
15. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	4.84
16. Tony Finau	U.S.	4.80
17. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	4.79
18. Daniel Berger	U.S.	4.78
19. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.75
20. Abraham Ancer	Mexico	4.74
21. Tyrrell Hatton	England	4.27
22. Jason Kokrak	U.S.	4.24
23. Billy Horschel	U.S.	4.16
24. Sungjae Im	S. Korea	4.02
25. Patrick Reed	U.S.	4.00
SOCCER		
FNGLISH PREMIER I	FAGUE	

ENGLISH PREI	MIE	RL	E/	4GI	UE		
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	21	17	2	2	53	13	53
Chelsea	21	12	7	2	45	16	43
Liverpool	20	12	6	2	52	18	42
West Ham	21	11	4	6	39	27	37
Arsenal	20	11	2	7	33	25	35
Tottenham	18	10	3	5	23	20	33
Man United	19	9	4	6	30	27	31
Wolverhampton	19	8	4	7	14	14	28
Brighton .	19	6	9	4	20	20	27
Leicester	18	7	4	7	31	33	25
Southampton	20	5	9	6	24	30	24
Crystal Palace	20	5	8	7	29	30	23
Brentford	20	6	5	9	24	30	23
Aston Villa	19	7	1	11	25	30	22
Everton	18	5	4	9	23	32	19
Leeds	19	4	7	8	21	37	19
Watford	18	4	1	13	22	36	13
Burnley	17	1	8	8	16	27	11
	19		8	10	19	42	11
Norwich	20	2	4	14	8	44	10
FRIDAY,'S MATCI							
Brighton vs. Crv		Pal	ac	e. 3	b.n	n.	

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD ROUND No. 5 Las Vegas (10-7) at No. 4 Cincinnati (10-7), 4:30p.m. No. 6 New England (10-7) at

No. 3Buffalo (11-6), 8:15p.m. **Sunday's Games** No. 7 Philadelphia (9-8) at NO. 2 Tampa Bay (13-4), 1:00p.m. No. 6 San Francisco (10-7) at No. 3Dallas (12-5), 4:30p.m. (CBS) NO.. 7 Pittsburgh (9-7-1) at No. 2 Kansas City (12-5), 8:15p.m. Monday's Game No. 5 Arizona (11-6) at No. 4 L.A. Rams (12-5), 8:15p.m.

DIVISIONAL ROUND, Jan. 22-23 NFC lowest remaining seed at No. 1 Green Bay (13-4), TBD AFC lowest remaining seed at No. 1 Tennessee (12-5), TBD

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 30, 3:30 and 6:40 p.m.

SUPER BOWL LVI Feb. 13; Inglewood, Calif., 6:30 p.m.

2022 NFL DRAFT ORDER Draft: April 28-30 at Allegiant Stadium Paradise, Nevada PK TEAM REC SOS

1 Jacksonville Jaguars 3-14

2	Detroit Lions	3-13-1	.528
3	Houston Texans	4-13	.498
4	N.Y. Jets	4-13	.512
5	N.Y. Giants	4-13	.536
6	Carolina Panthers	5-12	.509
7	Chicago (to NYG)	6-11	.524
8	Atlanta Falcons	7-10	.472
9	Denver Broncos	7-10	.484
10	Seattle (to NYJ)	7-10	.519
11	Washington FB	7-10	.529
12	Minnesota Vikings	8-9	.507
13	Cleveland Browns	8-9	.514
14	Baltimore Ravens	8-9	.531
15	Miami (to Phi.)	9-8	.464
16	Indpls (to Phi.)	9-8	.495
17		9-8	.510
18	New Orleans Saints	9-8	.512
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2022 SEASON OPPOENTS

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Tampa Bay Bucs

Green Bay Packers

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Defending champion Novak Djokovic is the top seed in the men's draw of the Australian Open, which starts Monday. Djokovic's visa status remains in limbo. MARK BAKER/AP

Drama builds **Down Under**

By John Pye and Rod McGuirk Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia – Novak Djokovic remained in limbo even after he was included in the draw for the Australian Open on Thursday, with the tennis star still awaiting a government decision on whether to deport him for not being vaccinated for COVID-19.

Despite the cloud hanging over Djokovic's ability to compete, Australian Open organizers included the top seed in the draw. He's slated to play fellow Serb Miomir Kecmanovic, who's ranked world No. 78., in the opening round next week.

No. 1-ranked Djokovic had his visa canceled on arrival in Melbourne last week when his vaccination exemption was rejected, but he won a legal battle on procedural grounds that allowed him to stay in the country.

Immigration Minister Alex Hawke has been considering the question since a judge reinstated Djokovic's visa on Monday.

Expectations of a pending decision were raised when Prime Minister Scott Morrison called an afternoon news conference after a national Cabinet meeting. Speculation heightened when the tournament draw was postponed by 75 minutes to a time after Morrison's news conference.

The wait continued after both events concluded, with Morrison referring questions on Djokovic to his immigration minister.

"These are personal ministerial powers able to be exercised by Minister Hawke, and I don't propose to make any further comment at this time," Morrison said.

Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley also declined comment after the draw ceremony for the tournament that starts Monday.

The 34-year-old Diokovic has been trying to focus his attention on the playing court in the four days since he was released from immigration detention. He held a practice session at Rod Laver Arena, his fourth this week, in mid-afternoon.

He was on the practice court Wednesday when a statement posted on his social media accounts acknowledged that his Australian travel declaration form contained incorrect information.

In the statement, Djokovic blamed "human error" by his support team for failing to declare that he had traveled in the two-week period before entering Australia.

Giving false information on the form could be grounds for deportation. That could result in sanctions ranging up to a threeyear ban from entering Australia, a daunting prospect for a player who has won almost half of his 20 Grand Slam singles titles

Djokovic acknowledged the lapses when he sought to clarify what he called "continuing misinformation" about his movements after he became infected last month. It also raised questions about his public appearances in Serbia last month, particularly a media interview he attended despite knowing he was positive.

It was another twist in a saga over whether the athlete should be allowed stay in Australia despite not being vaccinated.

McGuirk reported from Canberra, Australia

IN BRIEF

After 1 season, Culley out as Texans coach

News services

The Texans fired coach David Culley after just one season Thursday.

His firing comes days after the Texans closed out a 4-13 season with a 28-25 loss to the Titans.

The 66-year-old Culley was hired last January to replace Bill O'Brien after spending 43 years as a college and NFL assistant. He took over a team that went 4-12 in the 2020 season with Deshaun Watson at quarterback.

Watson requested a trade around the time Culley was hired, and before 22 women filed lawsuits against the QB alleging sexual harassment or assault.

The issues kept Watson out of the lineup all season and precipitated a rebuild that left Culley at the helm of one of the NFL's worst teams. The Texans also report-

edly fired offensive coordinator Tim Kelly. ■ Colts GM Chris Ballard

said in his season-ending news conference that he's not ready to fully commit to QB Carson Wentz as his starter for next season.

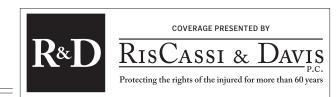
College football: Alabama WR Jameson Williams will forgo his senior season and enter the NFL draft. Williams, an All-American considered by many the top draft-eligible receiver, tore the ACL in his left knee during the Crimson Tide's loss to Georgia in the CFP championship game Monday night.

NBA: The Knicks acquired F Cam Reddish in a trade with the Hawks, ESPN reported. The Hawks received F Kevin Knox II and a 2022 first-round draft pick via the Hornets, while the Hawks also got F Solomon Hill and a 2025 second-round pick. Reddish, 22, the No. 10 pick in the 2019 draft, is averaging career highs in points (11.9), field-goal percentage (40%) and free-throw percentage (90%) this season.

NHL: The Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin and high-scoring Oilers teammates Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl headlined the rosters for NHL All-Star Weekend, which is scheduled for Feb. 4-5 in Las Vegas.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Saturday: vs. Xavier (at XL Center), noon, SNY

MEN'S BASKETBALL Tuesday: vs. Butler (at XL Center), 7 p.m., FS1



Sanogo

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Sanogo battled an abdominal injury that sidelined him for four games in December.

"Because of the nature of his injury, he couldn't do anything with a basketball or any cardio or any running," said UConn coach Dan Hurley of Sanogo's rehab. "When you tear your abdominal muscle you are completely shut down. ... He couldn't do anything."

When he came back for the Marquette game on Dec. 21 he injured his hamstring. He went into the Seton Hall game questionable and was supposed to play to under 20 minutes. He played 32.

He has looked like a potential Big East player of the year in his last two games. He's taken smart shots, wrestled for rebounds, made his presence felt on the defensive end with devastating blocks and been the superstar Huskies fans have been clamoring for. He's playing like a player who knows very few people can stop him in college basketball, much less in the Big East.

"He just has so much self-belief," Hurley said. 'He just does not blink. He thinks he's better than everybody, and you cannot convince him otherwise. But he works like he's a nobody on his game. He's humble that way but arrogant when the ball goes up. That's what you need to do in sports."

According to ESPN, Sanogo is the first UConn player since Emeka Okafor with 15-plus points and 15-plus rebounds in consecutive games. According to KenPom rankings, Sanogo is first (17.8%) in offensive rebound percentage and second (30.8%) in defensive rebound percentage in the Big East Conference play.

Sanogo's offensive presence funnels defenders to the paint, leaving UConn shooters open in the corners. In games Sanogo has played, UConn is shooting 85-for-207 (41.06%) beyond the arc. In the four games he missed, the Huskies shot 29-for-104 (27.88%) from 3. On the defensive end, Sanogo is an elite pain presence. The Huskies had 14 blocks against St. John's, six of which were Sanogo's. Often, when a UConn defender gets beat off the dribble, it's Sanogo who plays elite help defense and challenges opponents at the rim. He's sixth in the Big East in block rate percentage

"He's a great player, Hurley said. "When he doesn't play, it sucks for us.



UConn's Adama Sanogo shoots over St. John's Aaron Wheeler, left, and O'Mar Stanley in the first half Wednesday at Gampel Pavilion. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

The guy is a monster. His presence affects our 3-point shooting, too. It has a cascading effect —the rim protection at the defensive end of the court and the physicality. We shoot the ball better when he plays. We get better looks at 3s because teams are very concerned with guarding him. Again today, we went 9-for-22 from 3, and

that's not a coincidence." The next step of improvement for Sanogo is passing out of the post when he gets doubled. He has acknowledged that as an issue in the past, and he's made strides.. He still has ways to go. In the St. John's game, he only had three turnovers. It was getting pressured in the post that caused them.

As UConn continues to find itself in a dogfight in the Big East, the Huskies If he can keep this form, the Huskies will be a tough out come March.

Saturday's game vs. Providence gets canceled

announced on Thursday that the UConn men's basketball game at Providence on Saturday was canceled due to COVID-19 issues within the Providence program. Per Big East policy, the conference will attempt to reschedule the game in accordance with the parameters of the policy. The Huskies had to cancel two games, Dec. 28 at Xavier and Jan. 1 vs. Butler, after nine players either tested positive for COVID-19 or showed mild symptoms. Season ticket holders will retain access to their original seats by using their original tickets. This also applies to those who have purchased a three-gamemini-plan or a single-game

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0-1, Alexander 0-4). FG pct.: 34.6. FT pct.: 70.0. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 13(Alexander 4,

Mathis 4, Addae-Wusu 3, Wheeler 2). Blocks: 4 (Wheeler 2, Soriano, Smith). Steals: 7(Cham-

Three-point goals: 9-22, 40.9(Polley 3-4, Cole 3-8,

Martin 1-2. Jackson 1-2. Hawkins 1-4, Whaley

0-1, Akok 0-1). FG pct.: 47.6. FT pct.: 65.4. Team

rebounds: 6. Turnovers: 16(Jackson 4, Sanogo 3, Cole 2, Hawkins 2, Gaffney 2, Martin, Whaley, Team). Blocks: 14(Sanogo 6, Whaley 5, Martin 2, Gaffney). Steals: 5(Whaley 3, Jackson, Polley).

Officials: Henderson, Groover, Breeding. Att.: 6,671at Gampel Pavilion, Storrs.

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The Big East Conference

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Dally

Las Vegas and Memphis, where he played in 2021.

"It's heart-breaking when you see talented local players not playing for the local team," Athletic coach Harry Watling said. "That was something I promised the owners in coming back this year, I wanted some of that local flavor on the team and I made no secret that I've been chasing Rashawn's signature for a number of months now, well over a year.

Dally is deeply involved in developing soccer in Connecticut. He established Rulla Sports Empowerment, which aims to provide young athletes with necessary skills. The organization staged a "Kick It With The Pro's" camp for Greater Hartford area youth in East Windsor in December.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Dally said. "It's about giving the youth a platform and the tools to be the best athlete they can be, but we also pay attention to the person. So it's providing the tools to help kids deal with mental pressures, help them deal with the physical body and develop as soccer players as well."

So far, the Athletic have signed forwards Dally, Jeciel Cedeño and Juan Carlos Obregón Jr.; midfielders Danny Barrera, Christian Gómez, Conor McGlynn, Luka Prpa, Peter-Lee Vassell; defenders Ash Apollon, Younes Boudadi and Abdel Walid Yacoubou (Tulu); and goalkeeper Austin Pack for next season.

"I think we'll get an extra percentage out of him when he puts that shirt on and plays in front of the local crowd," Watling said. 'It will inspire them and inspire him to run a little bit more and fly a little bit more. We're getting someone who is physically robust, someone with a great first touch. He's going to give center backs nightmares. I want Rashawn to goal-tally, there is so much potential there, a really

exciting signing for us." Hartford went 12-15-5 last season, fifth in the USL's Atlantic Division, averaging 4,580 fans at Dillon Stadium.

"Last summer I was home and checked out a game," Dally said. "It was a great environment. I really like how the community comes out and it feels like more than a soccer game, it feels like an event for the community, and being able to be a part of that, I'm excited to give my all for the team and give the community wins and be an inspiration for the kids coming out to watch."

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Shade

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do a little bit of everything on the floor, figures to join a backcourt that could still include Paige Bueckers, Nika Mühl, Azzi Fudd and Caroline Ducharme. With Auriemma bringing in frontcourt players Ayanna Patterson and Isuneh "Ice" Brady for 2022, Shade and Arnold could be poised to take the reins in the backcourt once the group of current freshmen and sophomores departs.

Those familiar with her say Shade has a high motor and a maturity in her approach to the game that sets her apart — something that was evident to Morse the first time she saw her as a seventh grader warming up for a youth camp. Part of that comes from her family's fervor for health and fitness. Shade's father owns a fitness company called Fit Livin', created his own pushup machine device and acts as her personal trainer.

Shade doesn't like going a day without working out, even when she's on college visits. After arriving in Storrs late the first night of her visit, she had a meeting with the UConn staff set for 9 a.m. the next morning. She texted Morse, who accompanied her on the trip, "see you in the gym at 7." It was the same thing for Sunday morning: "See you in the gym at 8:20."

"I love being in the gym basketballwise, of course," Shade said. "But also I think that another thing that separates me is my health and strength. I feel like it makes me more athletic, strong on the court and just in great shape."

She also plays with a competitive edge that Premier Basketball's Shane Laflin compared to Mühl's. Shade is a huge Michael Jordan fan and say she tries to emulate his work ethic and passion.

"I just have so much love and passion for this game that every time I step on the court, I want to give 100% and leave no regrets out on that court," she said. "Basketball is played with a lot of emotion, a lot of passion, so I think just having that love for the game really is what drives me to want to produce and be the best I can."

"When you talk to her, you think she was the sweetest, kindest person in the world," Morse added, "and then she gets on the floor and she scares you. That's kind of the perfect combination of a kid that I think UConn likes to have and the fans like to see, and so she'll fit in really well there."

Shade got to see firsthand what being part of the UConn women's basketball team is like by observing a practice, hanging out with the players and sitting behind the Huskies' bench at Gampel during their 63-55 win over Creighton Sunday. Even once she went back home, she couldn't get enough, and was in attendance for UConn's Wednesday game at Butler.

"From practice to just hanging out with the team to going to the game, it's a hard feeling for me to describe because it just felt so right," Shade said. "It's kind of like when you have a gut feeling, when you just know something is right. That's just how I felt being there and seeing everything, meeting the coaches, the players. I just knew in my gut that it was the place

"I've set so many high goals for myself that I want to achieve basketballwise. I think being pushed every single day like they push their players is what's going to be best for me, and just being a part of that culture and that drive and expecting greatness out of every single one of the players, I'm really looking forward to that."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL BIG EAST ROUNDUP

DePaul upends No. 20 Seton Hall, 96-92

Associated Press

Jalen Terry scored 28 points, David Jones added 24 and DePaul stunned No. 20 Seton Hall with a 96-92 victory on Thursday at Chicago.

Javon Freeman-Liberty also scored 12 points, giving the Blue Demons (10-6, 1-5 Big East) easily their biggest win of the season. Freeman-Liberty, the conference's leading scorer, was injured early in the second half, limping off the court while favoring his right leg. He returned shortly after, but played sparingly down the stretch.

The loss serves as a significant setback for the Pirates (11-4, 2-3) as they attempt to gain ground in conference standings. Jared Rhoden led Seton Hall with 25 points, with Bryce Aiken adding 22 more.

The Blue Demons were upsetminded right from the get-go. Freeman-Liberty scored six quick points in the first five minutes, helping DePaul open the half on an 18-6 scoring run. The Blue Demons also tallied seven first half steals.

Seton Hall clawed back to within six, but was unable to trim its deficit any further. Jones scored two breakaway layups off a pair of steals in the final two minutes of the first to boost DePaul's lead to 16. Freeman-Liberty added two free throws to give the Blue

Demons a 52-35 advantage at half-

Freeman-Liberty's injury initially threatened to derail DePaul's momentum in the second half, as did a pair of early baskets from Rhoden and Tray Jackson. But Terry quickly hit back-toback jumpers to give DePaul breathing room.

Seton Hall strung together a late rally to cut the deficit to two with 5.8 seconds left, but Terry iced the game for DePaul with a pair of free throws.

The Blue Demons led for all but 31 seconds of the game and never trailed.

The Pirates were hit with a crushing blow just as they were rebounding from tight losses to Providence and Villanova. This defeat threatens to undo the work Seton Hall put in to regain some ground in the rankings after nearly falling out of the Top 25.

Butler 72, Georgetown 58: At Washington, Jair Bolden had a season-high 23 points as Butler topped the shorthanded Hoyas.

Georgetown coach Patrick Ewing missed the game because of what his team said Wednesday were D.C. Department of Health guidelines. The Hoyas were also without Dante Harris (13 ppg), Donald Carey (12.8) and Kobe Clark due to illness.

Bryce Nze had 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocks for Butler (9-6, 2-2 Big East Conference). Bryce Golden added 11 points.

Tyler Beard had 15 points for the Hoyas (6-7, 0-2). Collin Holloway added 11 points.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

NFL says Super Bowl staying in LA

With the Super Bowl just one month away, preparations are in full swing for the return of the NFL's premier event to the place where it all started. And both NFL officials and local organizers say the championship game isn't leaving the Los Angeles area. The NFL has no plans to move the Super Bowl to Arlington, Texas, or anywhere else despite the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and the accompanying health precautions in California, several officials confirmed Thursday at SoFi Stadium during a media event held to mark one month before the 56th edition of the Super Bowl on Feb. 13. "All of our plans for Super Bowl week remain fully in place," said Katie Keenan, the NFL's senior director of event operations. "We're working along with everyone here ... to make sure all of our events are being held safely." A media fuss was raised earlier this month when the NFL explored the feasibility of using the Cowboys' AT&T Stadium as a backup site for the Super Bowl, ostensibly in case coronavirus rules in California were to prevent the league from staging a Super Bowl here. The NFL immediately confirmed that it finds backup sites for the Super Bowl every year, and it had no serious concerns about its ability to hold the game in Inglewood.

White in line for 5th trip to Olympics



Shaun White all but wrapped up a spot in his fifth Olympics on Thursday when he qualified for the finals of a contest in Switzerland and his nearest American pursuer failed to move on. White finished fifth in the qualifying round, while Chase Blackwell failed to make it to Saturday's 12-man final. It means

White, who came into the event as the fourth-ranked American in the World Snowboard Points List, can't fall further down in that ranking, while Blackwell, who was fifth, can't move up. The U.S. has four spots on the men's halfpipe team and is expected to use those rankings to fill out the last three spots. Taylor Gold has already secured a spot. Saturday's final will feature the top three finishers from the last Olympics — White, Japan's Ayumu Hirano and Australia's Scotty James. White is in pursuit of his fourth Olympic gold medal. However, his lead-up to the Beijing Games has been rough. He was diagnosed with COVID-19, the lingering effects of which forced him to pull out of last week's qualifier in California. Earlier, a broken binding hampered his run at the Dew Tour in Colorado.

MLB, players resume labor talks

Baseball labor talks to end the lockout resumed Thursday for the first time in 1 ½ months with little evident progress during a bargaining session that lasted about an hour, jeopardizing a timely start to spring training. Major League Baseball imposed the lockout on Dec. 2 as soon as the five-year collective bargaining contract expired, a few hours after talks broke off. The discussions Thursday were the first on core economic issues following a 42-day gap, and MLB made proposals it hoped would at least start to generate momentum. After MLB made its proposal, the sides caucused. The players' association then told MLB it will respond but didn't commit to a specific date. While the sides were back in bargaining, they met just five weeks before the scheduled start of spring training workouts on Feb. 16. Given the time needed for players to travel to Florida and Arizona, and then to go through COVID-19 protocols before taking the field, the prospects of a timely start are diminishing. A deal would need to be reached by late February or early March to allow the minimum time for training ahead of the current opening day, set for March 31. MLB's proposal reportedlty contained no movement on free-agent eligibility or luxury tax thresholds.



Packers QB Aaron Rodgers, right, and WR Davante Adams know their days playing together may be numbered. APFILE

NFL PLAYOFFS NFC

Time running short?

Rodgers, Adams ponder possible final run with Pack

By Steve Megargee

Associated Press

Until this season, Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers often referred to Hall of Fame cornerback Charles Woodson as his greatest teammate

Now that title apparently belongs to Davante Adams, the receiver who has caught hundreds of passes from Rodgers over the last eight seasons. After a Christmas Day win over the Browns, Rodgers called Adams the "most dominant player I've played with."

"When you start stacking up the numbers for Davante, it's mind blowing," Rodgers said.

But there's one undeniable fact that remains in Woodson's favor. Woodson played a key role on the 2010 Packers that won Rodgers his lone Super Bowl title thus far. Rodgers and Adams have teamed for 68 touchdown passes but no Super Bowl berths.

Their latest — and perhaps last chance to change that comes in the next few weeks.

The Packers own the NFC's No. 1 playoff seed and can reach the Super Bowl by winning two straight games at Lambeau Field, where they haven't lost all season. The Packers (13-4) open postseason play next weekend.

Both Rodgers and Adams care about their legacies and understand the importance of achieving the one goal that's eluded the Packers over the past decade. The Packers have lost in the NFC championship game in four

of Adams' previous seven seasons, including each of the last two years.

Rodgers' spot in Canton is secure as he contends for a fourth MVP honor. Adams is putting together his own Hall of Fame-caliber resume that could get a major boost with a Super Bowl appearance.

"Every time I get out there, I don't care if I have 70 yards and two touchdowns, whatever, if something didn't look how I wanted it to, I'm always thinking about what would a Hall of Famer's take look like and how would he feel about his performance," Adams said. "So, that's definitely something that's on my mind. And to me, we can say what we want, but I feel like it's a matter of time. I've just got to keep working, keep putting it together, keep working and stacking and put a ring on my finger, and we'll see how everything

looks when it's all said and done." Adams, 29, is the lone player in NFL history to have three seasons with at least 11 catches, 1,350 yards receiving and 11 touchdown receptions. The only other players to have at least 650 catches, 8,000 yards receiving and 70 touchdown receptions in their first eight seasons are Randy Moss and Larry Fitzgerald.

He understands the luxury of playing alongside Rodgers has helped him put up those numbers.

"I've played with the best quarterback to play this game, so it's been amazing experience," Adams said.

How long they'll continue playing together remains uncertain, adding to the sense of urgency as the Packers begin this postseason run. Rodgers, 38, skipped the Packers' organized team activities and mandatory minicamp during the most recent offseason in a standoff with team management. Adams' contract is set to expire at the end of this season.

There's a possibility neither will be suiting up in green-and-gold next

Rodgers says he won't drag out any decision about his future, whether he chooses to return, request a trade or even retire. He's complimented the moves general manager Brian Gutekunst made to strengthen the

team this season. Adams says Rodgers' future could impact his own decision to stay or

For now, Rodgers is appreciating the opportunity to make at least one more postseason run with the Packers, who selected him with the 24th overall pick in the 2005 draft.

"The special part about this year – about every year — is always the new guys and watching them come in with big eyes and seeing the personalities start to come out and develop as you get comfortable and start enjoying being a part of the team," Rodgers said.

If this ends up being their last season together in Green Bay, Rodgers and Adams have made it one to remember.

Rodgers has thrown 20 touchdown passes without an interception over his past seven games despite playing with an injured pinky toe, though he expects to be at full strength for the start of the playoffs. Adams set franchise single-season records in catches

(123) and yards receiving (1,553). "It's been a fun season," Rodgers said. "Now, we've just got to find a way to finish it off with winning our last **NFL PLAYOFFS** AFC

Vrabel, Titans set high expectations

By Teresa M. Walker Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Amy Adams Strunk had one charge for Mike Vrabel when hiring him as the Titans' new head coach in January 2018.

Implement the "Titan Way" and turn a franchise with one Super Bowl appearance into a consistent championship contender.

The man who won three Super Bowl rings as a linebacker with the Patriots, working with a general manager who got his NFL start with that same franchise, has taken the Titans a step further each season. They've gone from a wild card that made the

conference final, losing to the Chiefs, to division champs and now the AFC's No. 1 seed despite using an NFL-high 91 players. Vrabel's next challenge is using their first-round

bye to prepare to chase the

Titans' first Super Bowl



Mike Vrabel has led the Titans to back-to-back AFC South titles and the No.1 seed this season. AP FILE

berth in 22 years. "This is when you have to play your best," Vrabel said. "This is when it matters. There is no do-overs. There is no, 'Hey, let's come back next week and get them."

With Vrabel, the Titans have gone 43-26 with that one AFC championship game appearance in January 2020, and back-to-back AFC South titles. They just earned the franchise's first No. 1 seed since 2008.

Left tackle Taylor Lewan's first two seasons in the NFL came when the Titans went a combined 5-27, with Ken Whisenhunt fired in November 2015. A pair of 9-7 seasons followed before Vrabel's hiring. The man who played 14 seasons himself made clear they were just getting started after the Titans' week off in early December.

"In the past, there wasn't that mentality ...," Lewan said. "The past coaches didn't set that mentality. Vrabel has done that. We believe our season is just starting now."

Ryan Tannehill, who took over as the Titans' starting quarterback in mid-October 2019 after being acquired in a trade with the Dolphins earlier that year, credits Vrabel with doing a great job of setting the tone. He sees Vrabel setting both the expectations and holding the Titans to

Tannehill, who has an NFL-high 13 game-winning drives since taking over, likes how Vrabel manages games. Vrabel's aggressive, "Go score" mentality was on display last week as the Titans got the ball with 44 seconds left in the first half. Tannehill drove them 64 yards for a touch-

down with 11 seconds left for a 21-0 halftime lead. Tannehill said Vrabel and John Streicher, Titans director of football development, study games from around the NFL each week so the head coach has a plan for each possible situation. Vrabel, added to the league's competition committee in November, also knows the NFL rule book inside and out.

The Titans have won a league-high 12 games decided by three points or fewer since 2019. Nobody has more comeback wins when trailing by seven or more points in the fourth quarter than the Titans: seven since 2018.

'That is part of his job. Then, conveying the message each and every week, giving the team something to rally behind, holding us accountable," Tannehill said.
This season has tested the skills of Vrabel and his

coaches, along with general manager Jon Robinson and his staff. Injuries started taking a toll when kicker Sam Ficken was lost two days before the season opener. The Titans wound up using 91 players this season, including three more last week against the Texans.

The Titans lost the NFL's leading rusher midway through the season when two-time rushing champ Derrick Henry broke his right foot Oct. 31. The Titans continued a six-game winning streak without Henry, with the final five wins over 2020 playoff teams for an 8-2 start.

They signed D'Onta Foreman off the street the day Henry had surgery, and Foreman finished as the Titans' second-leading rusher with three 100-yard games. Vrabel's biggest challenge may have been Dec. 23. Lewan

and left guard Rodger Saffold already had been ruled out with injuries, then came a positive COVID-19 test for Saffold. Then Kendall Lamm, set to replace Lewan, tested positive on the morning of their game against the 49ers.

That left rookie Dillon Radunz to make his first NFL start at left tackle after preparing all week to back up both tackles — and the Titans edged the 49ers 20-17.

Vrabel said the bottom line is everyone wants to win. 'The big thing is you never want to sleep on this game,' Vrabel said. "You never want to feel like you have arrived. You never want to feel like you have all the answers.'

Pro Bowl safety Kevin Byard believes Vrabel should be the NFL's coach of the year for how he's guided the Titans through this season to the AFC's top seed. But Byard knows a big reason people mention the "Patriot Way" is because of that team's six Super Bowl titles.

'We don't have a Titan Way until we win a Super Bowl, so I think that's what's next," Byard said.

Vrabel couldn't agree more.

WEATHER



becoming windy. North wind at 10 to 15 mph in the morning and 15 to 20 mph during the afternoon

Mostly sunny, windy in the morning and breezy in the afternoon.

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SATURDAY

Sunshine in the morning, increasing afternoon cloudiness.

LOW 19

SUNDAY

Early snow or a wintry mix likely turning to rain, windy.

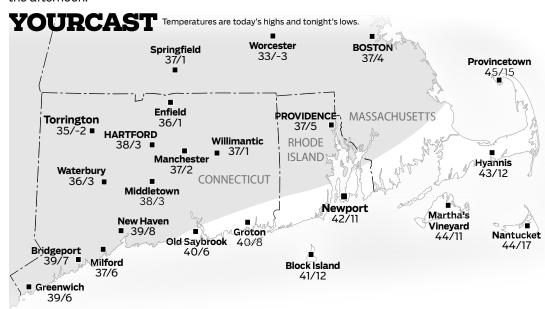
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TUESDAY







OUTLOOK

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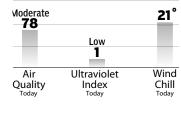
An arctic cold front crossing southern New England will cause mostly cloudy skies on Friday. A couple isolated rain or snow showers are possible in southeastern Connecticut, but most activity should be to the south and east. It will become windy. The wind will be north at 10 to 15 mph in the morning and 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon with gusts up to 35 mph. Temperatures will be mildest in the morning and turn colder in the afternoon. It will be windy overnight with lows in the single digits above and below zero. Wind chill values will range from 15 to 25 degrees below zero. -Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 0.00 0.11 Month to date 0.97 1.45 Total this year 0.97 1.45 Snowfall In Inches Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) 0.0 0.5

Total this year 9.6 18.0 Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:16 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
Sunset	4:43 p.m.	4:44 p.m.
Moonrise	1:52 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Moonset	4:43 a.m.	5:41 a.m.

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Full	Last	New	First
Jan 17	Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8
Full Jan 17	Last Jan 25	New Feb 1	First Feb 8

Stockholm

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Toronto

Warsaw

Vancouver

57 43 PC

43 36 SH

70 47 S

46 32 S

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50 36 SH

32 23 S

91 75 PC

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Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:58 a.m.	12:45 a.m.	43°
	7:16 p.m.	1:41 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	8:09 a.m.	1:38 a.m.	41°
	8:27 p.m.	2:34 p.m.	
Connecticut River	10:52 a.m.	5:24 a.m.	
at Portland	11:10 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	
Madison	8:18 a.m.	1:57 a.m.	40°
	8:49 p.m.	2:41 p.m.	
New Haven	8:38 a.m.	2:21 a.m.	38°
	9:09 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	
Stamford	8:42 a.m.	2:35 a.m.	41°
	9:13 p.m.	3:19 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 4.41 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MCloudy	Showers	Rain
Wind	N, 15-25	N, 20-30	N, 20-35
Seas	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.	3-5 ft.

m

Season

2279

High

30.07 at 12 a.m.

27° at 4 p.m.

Normal

2655

Last

Season

2390

Low

29.92 at 5 p.m.

18° at 5 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

New Orleans

Nashville

New York

Okla. City

Omaha

Orlando

Raleigh

St. Louis

San Antonio

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Pittsburgh

16 -3 SF

37 24 PC

24 4 PC

41 21 C

61 38

31 12

38 20

66 38 S

67 44

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Bangor	35 -5 C	Baltimore
Burlington	23 -9 PC	Bismarck
Caribou	19-10 SF	Boise
Concord	40 -4 C	Buffalo
Montpelier	22 -17 PC	Charleston
Mt. Wash.	19 -19 C	Cincinnati
Portland	40 3 C	Cleveland
Woods Hole	43 9 SF	Indianapolis
Woods Hole	43 J J1	Jacksonville
NATION		Las Vegas
Albany	34 -3 PC	Miami Beach

Albuquerque 57 27 PC

49 14 PC KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms **WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS BOYS BASKETBALL**

Milwaukee

CCC-Inter BRISTOL CENTRAL 70. EAST HARTFORD 47 BRISTOL CENTRAL (7-0): Victor Rosa 2-0-4, Damion Steve Alsenh 2-0-4. Carso 7-1-18, Donovan Clingan 18-3-40. Totals 31-4-68. EAST HARTFORD (3-5): Chris Lomax 2-0-5, Favour Okeke 1-1-4, Elijah Serrano 3-0-7, Azeem Indawala 1-0-2, Dom Laduca 1-0-3, Zander Robinson 7-1-17, Chris Brown 3-0-7, Mekyi Shepard 1-0-2. Totals 19-2-

19 19 14 18 - 70 12 10 9 16 - 47 EH

SIMSBURY 40, TOLLAND 29 SIMSBURY (6-0): Anthony Simpson 1-2-5, Aidan Riordan 5-2-14, Chris Kokines 7-3-17, Nate Beizer 1-0-2, Giovanni Marchetti 1-1-3. Totals 15-8-40 TOLLAND (2-3): Nathan Bowes 3-2-8. Mitchell Enman 2-0-5, Daniel Kennedy 1-1-3, Cullen Rublewski 2-5-9, Gavin Bagnell 2-0-4, Joey Keane 2-0-5. Totals 10-8-29.

9 5 12 14 - 40 12 6 5 6 - 29

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PRINCE TECH 47, WILCOX TECH 28
WILCOX TECH (3-5): Tatiana Robles 2-0-5, Chloe Enger 3-0-7, Grace Speeg 1-0-2, Zulal Kangal 1-2-4, Aliah Biro 5-0-10. Totals 12-2-28.

PRINCE TECH (6-1): Gracemar Hernandez-Ortiz 1-0-2, Asia Harper-McOueen 3-0-6, Shivani Roach 6-0-15, Yenny Barry-Amoros 4-0-8, Shanay Thoms 5-3-16. Totals 19-3-47.

WT 8 6 5 9 - 28 17 8 18 4 - 47 Others MORGAN 40, AMISTAD 35

AMISTAD (): Destiny Bennett 1-0-2, Neveah Lowery 5-5-15, Fatema Thomas 3-2-9, Lashaya Patterson 2-0-4, Annalyse King 2-1-5. Totals 13-8-35. MORGAN (): Caeley Ayer 2-7-11, Ava Johnson 5-1-15, Sofie Passante 1-0-2, Victoria O'Neill 2-0-4, Kate Martin 4-0-8. Totals 14-8-40.

10 3 13 9 - 35 3 7 23 7 - 40

Note: Ayer had 7rebounds, 6steals. **BOYS HOCKEY**

SOUTH WINDSOR 4, EAST CATHOLIC 1 EC

SW Goals: SW-Ryler Powell, Dylan Hutton, Chase Mawhinney, Max Plunske EC-AJ Bushnell. Saves: SW-Jason Sigler, 25 EC-Mason Cormier, 14. EC-1-6. Note: Plunske scored his first career varsity goal.

NEWINGTON CO-OP 4, HALL 2

Goals: N-Tanner Jorczak, Evan Oliver, Tyler Leavitt.

Josh Grimm H—Ben Gerken, Matt Ganey. Saves: N—
Jeremy Wagner, 18 H—Aeden Mallet, 21. Rec.: H-3-2. CCC-Inter ROCKY HILL CO-OP 3, CONARD 2 (OT)

0 2 0 0 — 2 1 0 1 1 — 3

Goals: RH—Connor Konopka (2), Jacob Nelson C—Gavin McGowan, Nolan Trent. Rec.: RH—3-3

C-3-4-1. Note: Nelson scored the OT winner and had an assists. Brody Davidson had 2assists for Rocky Hill and Jack Wenz had 2assists for Conard. WRESTLING

ENFIELD 36, MANCHESTER 33 SOUTHINGTON 63, NEWINGTON 17 BERLIN 56, ROCKY HILL 16

XAVIER 78, EAST HAVEN 6 NEW LONDON 60, BACON ACADEMY 21

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL **SCHEDULE ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED**

BOYS BASKETBALL

67 55

43 12 PC

64 26 PC

41 15 SF

69 44 S

36 11 C

53 30 PC

43 30 C

Salt Lake City 39 23 PC

CCC-North: Bulkeley at Wethersfield; New Britain at Windsor; Rocky Hill at Bloomfield; Hartford Public at

San Juan

WORLD

Amsterdam

Tucson

Athens

Beiiing

Beirut

78 42 S Berlin 70 55 C Bermuda

Bangkok

Barbados

South: Lewis Mills at Plainville CCC-East: E.O. Smith at Manchester; RHAM at South Windsor; East Hartford at Tolland CCC-West: Simsbury at Northwest Ca

NCCC: Granby at Canton, 5:45p.m.; East Granby at East Windsor, 6p.m.; HMTCA at Windsor Locks; SMSA at Stafford; Rockville at Suffield; Somers at Bolton Shoreline: Old Lyme at Morgan, 7p.m.; Portland at Valley Regional, 7p.m.; East Hampton at Coginchaug, 7p.m.; Hale-Ray at Haddam-Killingworth, 7p.m.; North Branford at Old Saybrook, 7p.m.

CTC: Goodwin Tech at Vinal Tech, 5:30p.m.; Windham Tech at Grasso Tech, 6p.m.; Prince Tech at Cheney Tech, 6:30p.m.; Platt Tech at Wilcox Tech, 7p.m. CRAL: Civic Leadership at Weaver, 6p.m.; University at Aerospace, 6:15p.m.; Capital Prep at MLC, 6:15p.m.; Innovation at Achievement First, 7p.m.; Parish Hill at

SCC: Amity at Sheehan, 7p.m.; Guilford at Lyman Hall, 7p.m.: Xavier at Cheshire, 7p.m.

ECC: Windham at Killingly, 7p.m. NVL: St. Paul at Torrington, 7p.m.

Others: Mater Dei (Calif.) vs. East Catholic (at Springfield, Mass.), 6p.m.; Bristol Central at Springfield Central (Mass.), 7:30p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-North: Bloomfield at Rocky Hill, 5:30p.m.; Newington at Hartford Public, 5:30p.m.; Windsor at New Britain

CCC-East: Manchester at E.O. Smith, 5:30p.m.: South Windsor at RHAM; East Catholic at Enfield; Tolland at NCCC: Stafford at SMSA, 5:15p.m.; Bolton at Somers, 6

p.m.; Canton at Granby; Coventry at Ellington; Suffield at Rockville; Windsor Locks at HMTCA Shoreline: Haddam-Killingworth at Hale-Ray, 6p.m. Valley Regional at Portland, 6p.m.; Coginchaug at East Hampton, 7p.m.; Old Saybrook at North Branford, 7

p.m.; Morgan at Old Lyme, 7p.m. CTC: Vinal Tech at Goodwin Tech, 4p.m.; Grasso Tech at Windham Tech, 5p.m.; Wilcox Tech at Platt Tech, 6

p.m.; Cheney Tech at Prince Tech, 6p.m. CRAL: Innovation at Civic Leadership, 5:15p.m.; Aerospace at Parish Hill, 6p.m. SCC: Sheehan at Wilbur Cross, 7p.m.; Lyman Hall at

Amity, 7p.m.; Law at Mercy, 7p.m.; Hand at Hillhouse,

ECC: Windham at Montville, 6p.m. NVL: Torrington at St. Paul, 7p.m.

SCC/**SWC:** Guilford at Hand, 8:30p.m. **Others:** Enfield co-op at SGWL, 8:20p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC: Northwest Catholic co-op at Suffield co-op, 6

p.m. SCC: Masuk co-op at Hand co-op, 4p.m. Others: West Haven/SHA at East Catholic co-op, 8:30

Glastonbury, 4p.m.

Others: Middletown, New London at South Windsor,

TRACK AND FIELD

Others: Hillhouse Night Meet (Floyd Little AC, New

CCC-Inter: Berlin at Newington, 4p.m.; Plainville at Windsor, 4p.m.; Farmington at Middletown, 4p.m. East Catholic at Wethersfield, 5p.m.; Bulkeley/HMTCA Others: Southington at Hamden, 4p.m.; Xavier at

WEDNESDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULT

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UCONN 86, ST. JOHN'S 78 (OT)

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE **RESULTS**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ST. PETER'S AT QUINNIPIAC, LATE FAIRFIELD AT NIAGARA, LATE FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

46 35 PC

60 47 C

78 63 PC

С

77 64

45 39

47 39

34 16

64 63 С

48 43

39 34 PC

Buenos Aires 108 82 PC

Budapest

Cairo

Dubai

Dublin

Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Helsinki

Istanbul

Jerusalem

Johannesburg 77 59

Cancun

69 42 PC

45 34 C 52 34 S

91 75 PC

85 71 S

39 21 S

61 52 SH

45 34 C

70 62 T

Kingston

Lisbon

London

Madrid

Milan

Montreal

Moscow

Nassau

Paris

Rome

Prague

New Delhi

Mexico City

EN'S BASKETBAL Fastern at Western, 2n.m. Trinity at Wesleyan, 7p.m. Quinnipiac at Rider, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wesleyan at Trinity, 7p.m. **MEN'S HOCKEY**

Boston University at UConn, 7p.m. Trinity at Bowdoin, 7p.m. Wesleyan at Colby, 7p.m. Harvard at Quinnipiac, 7p.m. Sacred Heart at Bentley, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Boston College at UConn. 6p.m. Yale at Dartmouth, 6p.m. Quinnipiac at RPI, 6p.m. Hamilton at Trinity, 7n.m Wesleyan at Middlebury, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

UConn at Rhode Island, 1p.m.

Standings				
MEN'S Team	CONF	СРСТ	OVR	PCT
Villanova	5-1	.833	12-4	.750
Providence	4-1	.800	14-2	.875
Creighton	2-1	.667	10-4	.714
Marguette	3-3	.500	11-6	.647
Xavier	2-2	.500	12-3	.800
Seton Hall	2-2	.500	11-3	.786
UConn	2-2	.500	11-4	.733
St. John's	1-2	.333	9-5	.643
Butler	1-2	.333	8-6	.571
Georgetown	0-1	.000	6-6	.500
DePaul	0-5	000	9-6	600

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULT

UCUNN 86, S1. JUHN'S 78 (U1)								
WOMEN'S								
Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT				
DePaul	4-0	1.000	12-3	.800				
UConn	4-0	1.000	9-3	.750				
Creighton	5-1	.833	10-4	.714				
Marquette	2-2	.500	9-4	.692				
Villanova	2-2	.500	8-5	.615				
Georgetown	1-1	.500	6-4	.600				
Providence	2-3	.400	7-7	.500				
St. John's	1-2	.333	5-8	.385				
Seton Hall	1-3	.250	6-6	.500				
Xavier	1-5	.167	6-9	.400				
Butler	0-4	.000	1-12	.077				

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE St. John's at Providence, 1p.m.

Villanova at DePaul, 6:30p.m. Seton Hall at Creighton, 7:30p.m. Georgetown at Marquette, 8p.m.

HOCKEYEAST							
Standings							
MEN'S Team	00	POVR	CGP	CONF	CPTS		
UMass Lowell		11-3-3	11	8-2-1	25		
UMass	18	10-6-2	11	7-2-2	24		
Northeastern	21	15-5-1	11	7-3-1	23		
Providence	23	15-7-1	11	6-5-0	19		
Boston College	19	10-6-3	11	5-4-2	19		
UConn	17	9-8-0	10	6-4-0	17		
Boston University	21	9-9-3	13	5-5-3	17		
Merrimack	19	8-10-1	10	3-7-0	12		
New Hampshire	20	9-10-1	11	3-7-1	9		

18 3-13-2 10 2-6-2 19 3-12-4 11 1-8-2

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE Boston University at UConn, 7p.m. Providence at Merrimack, 7p.m.

Vermont

Maine

Boston College at New Hampshire, 7p.m. Maine at UMass Lowell, 7:15p.m.

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Northeastern	21	18-2-1	16	13-2-1	41	
JConn	22	15-5-2	15	9-4-2	28	
Boston University	20	9-7-4	15	8-4-3	27	
/ermont	22	11-9-2	15	8-6-1	25	
Maine	22	8-13-1	15	6-8-1	22	
Boston College	18	10-8-0	13	8-5-0	21	
New Hampshire	22	8-12-2	15	6-8-1	21	
Providence	20	8-7-5	13	5-6-2	19	
Merrimack	22	5-16-1	17	4-12-1	15	
Holy Cross	19	3-16-0	14	1-13-0	3	

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Heating Degree Days

For July 1 - Jan 13

80 70 HIGHS 60

10 LOWS

Atmosphere

Barometer

Dew point

30-day Temperature History

A series of events

How a canceled tournament, a phone call and an available gym led to a Xavier win over powerhouse Danbury

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN The Danbury and Xavier wrestling teams were supposed to be in Maine last Saturday for a tournament, but the event was canceled. So Xavier coach Mike Cunningham called Danbury coach Ricky Shook and asked if he wanted to compete in

Connecticut. Danbury is the defending four-time State Open champion and the perennial No.1 team in the state, winning 16 State Open titles since 2001. Xavier last beat the Hatters in a dual meet in 2015 and beat them in 2012 for a Class

LL and State Open title. On Saturday, Cunningham told Shook his gym was free, and Shook had an available bus to get his team there. Then Xavier beat Danbury 44-19 to become the first Connecticut team to beat the Hatters since New Milford did it on Feb. 6, 2015. Danbury had won 67 straight dual meets against teams from Connecticut before Saturday.

"My freshman year we were really close to beating them and that was a big deal," Xavier 152-pound senior captain Colin Loria said. "So kind of getting over that hump to beat them means a lot."

Xavier won the Class L title in 2020, beating Simsbury by 3 ½ points, and finished third behind Danbury and New Milford at the State Open the next weekend before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the sports world. High schools wrestling teams were not allowed to compete in Connecticut last year due to COVID restrictions, but the sport is back this season.

This season, Xavier is 7-1 with its one dual meet loss coming to St. John's Prep

(Mass.). The Falcons are ranked No. 1 in this week's Connecticut Wrestling Online Top 10 poll, knocking out Danbury, who had been in the No. 1 spot every week since the beginning of

the 2015-16 season. "They've beat us up a bunch of times, but we've been competitive with them for quite a few years," Cunningham said. "We've lost more than we've won,

but it's Danbury." The Falcons are young with only four senior start-

"We have sophomores that are really freshmen because they never wrestled in high school," Cunningham said. "It's been a challenge for the past month, but I think they're starting to get it, like how we do things here, what's expected, that kind of thing. You're part of a team, it's not youth wrestling anymore, it's not all about you."

The meet was close until Xavier freshman Charles Weidman won a 11-3 decision over Liam Byrne of Danbury at 160 pounds. Xavier senior Jacob Levesque had a pin at 170, his teammate Thomas Lunt, a senior, had a technical fall at 220 and Falcons heavyweight Vin Scileppi, a junior, won a 3-2 decision over Danbury's Nuh Ajdinoski. Xavier won five of the last six matches with freshman 113-pounder Max Morse pinning Danbury's Anthony Hackett in 2 minutes, 23 seconds and 120-pound sophomore Kyle Levesque pinning Matt Morehouse in 1:06 to clinch the win.

Xavier will compete in the Class L championships Feb. 18-19. Simsbury, Guilford and Newtown are also contenders. Danbury is in Class LL.

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